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# Driven to make a difference

Danielle Hawley '11 was devastated when she lost her best friend in an automobile accident, a tragedy worsened by the fact it was caused by a distracted teenage driver. To bring awareness to the extremely dangerous practice of texting while driving, the Lycoming College business-marketing and corporate communication major is using lessons learned in the classroom to begin her own nonprofit organization, Teens Against Texting and Driving (TAT).

The idea began during a marketing class initiative and has grown into Hawley's Institute for Management Studies Scholar Project at the College.

"My goal," says Hawley, "is to ensure a safer environment for innocent drivers by making a conscious attempt to educate the population about the dangers of texting and driving."

In March, she made her first public appearance as the founder of TAT while speaking during a Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) convention at Pennsylvania College of Technology. During her presentation, Hawley showed a documentary detailing her experiences with texting and driving. It was filmed and edited by Phoebe Wagner '14, a digital communication major.

At the convention, Hawley established contact with U.S. Rep. Tom Marino '85, and a meeting is in the works to discuss her commendable efforts. She hopes Marino will be able to assist her in establishing a recognized nonprofit organization.

"I never thought that a class project would lead to all of this," says Hawley. "I've had so many people supporting me and helping me and that has turned this into an awesome experience."

Hawley has created a brochure listing statistics related to the dangers of texting while driving, as well as a pledge for teens to give up texting behind the wheel. She has also spoken to several Lycoming classes and has future plans to address high schools in the Philadelphia area. In addition to raising awareness, TAT plans to donate its financial proceeds to families who have lost loved ones to texting drivers.



Phoebe Wagner '14 (left) and Danielle Hawley '11 collaborated to produce a video about the dangers of texting while driving.

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# AROUND THE QUAD

## **Etiquette dinner advice: Don't eat the cheese!**

Dr. Kimberly (Lazar) Bolig '79 offered simple but very useful advice to the 60-plus students attending the "Power Etiquette" dinner sponsored by the Office of Career Services in February. When invited to a meal during a job interview, she told them to remember three things: "You are not there to eat, follow the lead of your host or hostess, and one bit at a time."

Bolig, director of the Academic Success Center at Pennsylvania College of Technology, was the dinner's guest speaker. She addressed a variety of topics and offered how-to advice on making introductions, unfolding and placing a napkin, eating soup and removing an olive pit from your mouth, to name a few, as well as the differences between American and European styles of dining. As for French onion soup, which happened to be served that evening, Bolig says "Although the best part, it is best to push the cheese aside and eat only the broth and onions."

The evening was made possible through the Genevieve Watkins Stecker Career Services Endowed Fund. Stecker graduated in 1912, served on the College's board of trustees and was instrumental in the decision to transition the institution from Williamsport Dickinson Junior College to Lycoming College. The fund was established in 2009 by Stecker's daughter, Virginia Stecker Weidman, and granddaughter, Virginia Halfmann Wilkinson, in honor of Stecker's service to the College. Wilkinson was a special guest at the dinner and fittingly informed the students that her parents were "sticklers about etiquette."

The fund supports programs and services that educate students on the importance of business etiquette as it relates to interview skills, professional networking, correspondence, resume writing and appropriate professional attire.



Attendees at the "Power Etiquette" dinner included, from left: Virginia Halfmann Wilkinson; Nora Dicker '11; Tami Hutson, career services administrative assistant; Meghan Hepler, director of the Lycoming Annual Fund and Class of 2011 co-advisor; Dr. Kimberly (Lazar) Bolig '79; Kathryn Walker '11; Chip Edmonds '98, vice president for advancement; Mary Jo Campana '87, director of career services; and Erin Healy '11.

## **Golahny and Hafer earn professorships**

Dr. Amy Golahny, professor of art history, and Dr. Gary Hafer, associate professor of English, have been appointed to The Logan Richmond Professorship and The John P. Graham Teaching Professorship, respectively. The appointments, made by the Lycoming College Board of Trustees Executive Committee, are each for a five-year period.

Richmond was a professor of accounting and an enthusiastic patron of the arts at the College. In 2001, several of his former students endowed the professorship in his honor. While first preference is to be given to full professors in accounting, other full professors who share in Professor Richmond's demonstrated commitment to the liberal arts and the advising of students may be appointed. Previous recipients include professors Roger Shipley (art) and Dr. Fred Thayer (music).

Graham was a professor of English. Dan '57 and Helen '57 Fultz endowed the professorship in Graham's honor in 1996. Selection criteria include a record of excellent teaching and a long-term commitment to improving the academic skills of freshmen and sophomores. All full and associate professors with at least 15 years of teaching experience may be considered for the appointment. Previous recipients include professors Dr. David Rife (English), Dr. Richard Morris (history) and Dr. John Whelan (philosophy).



Dr. Amy Golahny



Dr. Gary Hafer



Bill Mauro '11, recipient of the Alfred Kohler Studio Artist Award

### Etched in Stone

Bill Mauro has been sketching for as long as he can remember, but at first, did not consider pursuing a degree in art. After about two semesters at Lycoming, he found himself drawing more frequently and decided to check out the art department.

"I took a prerequisite course in color and design and a course in drawing and really felt a connection, like I'd found my niche," said Mauro.

A native of Williamsport and now a senior studying art with a concentration in painting, Mauro was recently honored with Lycoming's Alfred Kohler Studio Artist Award. The award is in memory of Kohler, a non-traditional student who spent 10 years in the College's art department pursuing his second love – studio art. He took every course the program offered, many of them more than once.

Made possible by the generous support of art faculty, alumni and friends of the College, the prize is given to an art major in their sophomore or junior year to fund an independent project. Mauro was chosen for the award based on a proposal he submitted for his sculpture.

"The two, small sculptures were inspired by the rock cuts along Route 15 north of Williamsport," says Mauro. "As I looked at them, I imagined a giant hydraulic press with the exact negative of the rock face, and how it would look both organic and industrial. I assume the cuts were made using a combination of explosives and machinery – I wanted to create something natural and undulating, using a lot of force and energy." The sculptures were displayed in the College's art gallery in Snowden Library during the spring semester.

Mauro humbly attributes much of his accomplishment to his professors.

"Many professors will sit on the floor with students and go by their first names," said Mauro. "I've heard Howard Tran [assistant professor of art] say that you aren't an artist just because someone gives you a piece of paper; you're an artist here, and now. Some people might think that this would result in a lot of bad art, or a loss of respect for the professors; I think the opposite is true. Art can't happen when you're feeling scared or intimidated. By encouraging trial and error within a relaxed and secure atmosphere, the professors allow students to see the complexity and beauty of what it is they do every time they create."

Mauro's artistic aptitude has led him toward another Lycoming program: he is double-majoring in creative writing. "Having studied both creative writing and visual art now, I realize they aren't all that disparate," he states. "Each major has helped me to understand and appreciate the other."

### Leiter selected for seminar at Yale

Dr. Andrew Leiter, an assistant professor of English at Lycoming, is one of 25 scholars selected to participate in The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History's seminar, "Slave Narratives," at Yale University June 12-15.

"This is a very prestigious conference," said Dr. Thomas Griffiths, provost and dean of the College. "Competition for one of the 25 slots was pretty intense, and it's wonderful that Dr. Leiter will be representing Lycoming this year."

Leiter is a 20th century American literature specialist with particular interest in the textual intersections of racial representations by white and African-American authors.

The Gilder Lehrman Institute is a nonprofit organization supporting the study of American history. The seminar, part of an annual series held for professors of American history at small colleges, is co-sponsored by The Council of Independent Colleges and the United Negro College Fund.



Dr. Andrew Leiter

### Award-winning public relations

Lycoming's Office of College Relations garnered three awards during the 26th annual Educational Advertising Awards, sponsored by the Higher Education Marketing Report. The College's Admissions Summer Preview flash earned a gold award, *Lycoming Magazine* a silver award and the *President's Report* a bronze award.

The winning pieces were designed by Murray Hanford, publications manager. He has worked at the College since 1991 and has earned more than 60 awards for excellence in publications and new media pieces. Jerry Rashid, director of college relations, serves as editor and lead writer of the alumni magazine and the *President's Report*.

Awards were given to those entrants whose programs and materials display exceptional quality, creativity and message effectiveness. Lycoming won the awards in competition with colleges that have less than 2,000 students.

The Educational Advertising Awards is the largest educational advertising awards competition in the nation.

This year, more than 2,500 entries were received from more than 1,000 colleges, universities and secondary schools from all 50 states and several foreign countries.



## Where did your passion for teaching history come from?

I come from a family line of teachers that goes back to my grandmother. My mother and father were also teachers in public schools. My dad taught history, my mom English. Maybe I was born to teach! I've been interested in history, or "social studies," since elementary school, and had great teachers all the way through college. The stories of real people and the things they did are just fascinating. The more we know about history, the more we can understand how we got here, why the world is the way it is. And of course, the better you know the how and why, the better you can act in the here and now.

## You teach various aspects of the history of Western Civilization. What do you hope students learn from these classes?

First, we in the United States inherit Western Civilization, regardless of where we or our ancestors originated. The broad cultural, political and intellectual framework in which we live derives from the Near East, Greece and Rome, and of course Europe. The better we understand the development of this framework, the better we understand ourselves and our place in the world. That includes tensions: we need to know about the struggles of the past. Not just military struggle, but other conflicts—cultural and economic. Also, history is a perfect discipline for the goals of a liberal arts education. I just read of a recent study showing that students in humanities disciplines, including history, learn more in college than others, especially in terms of skills in written communication and critical thinking. Last semester, I emphasized exactly that to my Western Civ. I classes. Democracy requires an educated and informed citizenry. If we want to limit the abilities of politicians and the media to shape our thoughts, we need to see through all of the statements and information out there and be able to form conclusions. That's what we do in my courses. Even if students don't remember every morsel of informa-



**Dr. Cullen Chandler**

Assistant Professor of History

tion (and really, who does?), they will have had the opportunity to work through unfamiliar material—names, places, concepts, the statements of past political leaders, the folks who shaped cultures, and the work of modern scholars—and learn how people present information, how to get the information we need, and how to draw sensible conclusions from it.

## Explain your research interest in the Carolingian Spanish March.

I am working on a book manuscript on the Carolingian Empire of Charlemagne and his successors. In the period 778-814, the empire expanded south of the Pyrenees into Spain. A corner of Spain—the March—became part of the empire until nearly the end of the 10th century. I seek to determine the impact of Carolingian rule on that area, centered on Barcelona and now known as Catalonia, especially since it possessed an established, Christian culture that pre-dated the Muslim conquest of Spain during the early eighth century. Catalonia became Western Christendom's frontier on Islam. I have found that Frankish rulers invented new ways of making their power felt in a distant province; these included political appointments, religious policy and legal maneuvers. The central issue is the

question of how integrated Catalonia was during the ninth and 10th centuries, so the study also emphasizes local social structures, including the economy, the roles and status of women, and cultural conditions and religious strife. By investigating the regional history of Catalonia, I hope to shed light on larger questions such as the nature of empires, cross-cultural interactions and the role of religion in politics.

## What advice do you have for today's students?

For one, even though you are preparing for life after college, don't forget that these are four years when you decide what you do. Study things that seem interesting. Even if they won't prove completely relevant to a job, they will give you a perspective for life beyond the job. Learn how to learn, because the career path you first enter after college will not necessarily be the one you retire from. Learn how to work hard. Professors love their subjects and try to make things interesting for students, but there will always be hard work involved. If you buckle down, it will pay off. Profs will remember your work ethic in letters of recommendation; employers will favor it. Finally, become part of the community, inside and outside the classroom. Getting to know your professors, your classmates and everyone else who makes up Lycoming is part of the educational experience that cannot be duplicated. Take advantage of it.

### About Chandler

Dr. Cullen Chandler came to Lycoming in 2003 as an assistant professor of history. He has taught courses that specialize in ancient history, medieval Europe, the Crusades and the rise of Islam. In April 2010, Chandler was the recipient of the College's Junior Faculty Teaching Award. He earned a bachelor's degree from Austin College, a master's degree from Fordham University and a Ph.D. in early medieval civilization from Purdue University.

BY JERRY RASHID

# SIX UNDER



Lycoming College has made a difference in the lives of thousands of young men and women. With degree in hand, they anxiously leave their temporary residence at 700 College Place in Williamsport, Pa., armed with the knowledge, skills and determination to make a difference in the world. On the next few pages, we give you a glimpse at several who are making a name for themselves—before turning 40.

## MICHAEL BELL '94

Michael Bell's career is as bright as the colors he applies to his vibrant paintings. The former art major is the owner of Galleria Red, where he sells his work throughout the U.S. and internationally (visit [mbellart.com](http://mbellart.com)). His claim to fame is his commissioned portraits, ranging from the late John Gotti to several actors from "The Sopranos," "Goodfellas" and "A Bronx Tale."

When he's not busy capturing the likeness of the famous and infamous, Bell can be found in Harwood, Md., serving as art department chair at Southern Senior High School. He teaches advanced placement drawing, photography, 2D studio art drawing I-III and

photography III. He also teaches in Anne Arundel County Public Schools' Gifted & Talented Visual Arts Enrichment Program. In 2004-05, Bell won the AACP's Teacher of the Year award and went on to become one of 24 Maryland State Teachers of the Year.

In 2010, Bell became a National Board Certified Teacher, joining approximately 3 percent of the nation's educators who hold the highest teaching credential, according to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. He also was a finalist for the 2010 National Outstanding Young Educator of the Year Award and was recognized for contributions to the arts at a U.S. Department of Education statewide exhibit in Washington, D.C.

"I enjoy the creativity, traveling and collaborating with other artists and actors in the arts and entertainment industry," said Bell, who also is a screenplay writer. "I've done photo shoots for paintings in Hollywood and in Lake Powell, attended lots of red carpet galas and have met some great friends along my travels who have inspired who I am as an artist today and have helped shape the world around me. I've also been able to help others through my art, which to me, is what it's all about. It's creating something that someone connects with on a deeper level that improves their surroundings and enhances their life, their soul."

Bell says Lycoming was the perfect place for him to hone his artistic talents due to its small size. Through his professional and teaching careers, he's been able to influence four others to follow in his footsteps at Lycoming: Meggie Adams '12, Meredith Ellmore '14, Zoe FitzSimmonds '05 and Mara Giannini '11.

"My way of giving back," said Bell, regarding his assistance with encouraging students to attend the College. "Who knows, maybe one day I'll be fortunate enough to land a full-time job in Lyco's art department and return to the place that helped me and my talents flourish. I just loved working with everyone there."



*Michael Bell '94*

## KEITH CADDEN '96

Keith Cadden is one of the most decorated student-athletes ever to don a football uniform for the Warriors. During just three years under the tutelage of legendary coach Frank Girardi, the former quarterback made a name for himself for throwing pinpoint pass completions that demoralized opponents' defensive backfields. A few of his impressive accomplishments include: one of three finalists for the 1996 Melberger Award (NCAA Division III Player of the Year), third-team All-American, 1996 Middle Atlantic Conference Player of the Year, two-time team captain and GTE district Academic All-American, team MVP, and a 24-8 career record while passing for 6,340 yards and 60 touchdowns, both of which rank second all-time for the blue-and-gold. In 2003, he was inducted into the Warriors' Athletic Hall of Fame.

"Coach Girardi was the driving force behind many successful football teams at Lycoming," said Cadden, who graduated class valedictorian with a degree in business management. "Looking back, I realize the life lessons I learned by playing for him. He trusted us to put our time in and work together as a team. That forced us to become leaders and take responsibility for ourselves and our teammates. That is invaluable in business. On the academic front, the professors in the business department did a great job of teaching through case studies, as opposed to lecturing to us. We learned by working through real-life scenarios that prepared us for the real world."

Cadden has successfully parlayed his gridiron prowess into a stellar professional career. A Certified Financial Planner, he now spends his time advising clients as a relationship manager with Credit Suisse, a world-leading financial services company, which boasts more than 49,000 employees in 405 offices in 55 countries. Cadden leads a team within the company's Private Banking USA office in West Conshohocken, Pa., where they work closely with high-net-worth families and take a comprehensive approach to financial planning, covering areas such as investment and risk management as well as estate, philanthropic and tax planning.

"The best part of my job is working with a diverse set of clients," said Cadden. "Every family has different goals and aspirations, and it is our job to help them craft a plan so their wealth has the desired impact on their family."

The positive impact of Cadden's work has resulted in his inclusion in Philadelphia magazine's list of 2010 FIVE STAR Wealth Managers. According to the publication, there are more 15,000 wealth managers in the Philly area and less than 2 percent were included on the elite list.



Keith Cadden '96

## COLLEEN HEISEY '99



*Colleen Heisey '99*

Colleen Heisey loves her Honda Shadow Spirit, a blue motorcycle adorned with silver flames. But recently, the chromed-out street bike has gathered some dust as Heisey has posted more billable than riding hours. She is a partner in private practice at Hunton & Williams LLP, an AmLaw 50 firm established more than 100 years ago. As a member of the firm's administrative law group in the food and drug practice, she focuses on issues surrounding the regulation of drug, biological, medical device, food, dietary supplement and cosmetic products by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Department of Agriculture and other federal and state agencies. She works with and advises clients on regulatory and compliance-related issues, including the status of products, promotion and

advertising, good manufacturing practice requirements, product recalls, FDA inspection and enforcement actions.

If the theme from "Law and Order" comes to mind or you have an image of her arguing a case in front of a jury, think again. She's not that type of lawyer.

"I work on the front end with responsible companies trying to prevent issues from arising," said Heisey. "I work primarily for pharmaceutical companies, providing guidance and advice about how to be and remain compliant with the many rules and regulations governing their operations and activities. My main responsibilities include working directly on specific client matters and overseeing associates' work for clients. I work extensively in drug promotion and advertising, often directly with cross-functional teams formed by the client to develop material. The interactions span from pre-development concept reviews to evaluating specific claims in context."

Heisey says she enjoys the subject matter, which requires that she understand not only the guiding laws and regulations, but also the therapeutic areas in which her clients operate and the underlying data that supports their products. "It's a pleasant blend of science with the law," says the former biology major.

In addition to her Lycoming degree, Heisey graduated with honors from The George Washington University Law School and earned a Master of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.

"Going to college was a life-changing experience, and Lycoming made that possible for me, both financially and environmentally," Heisey said. "It was the right environment for me to grow—the class sizes, the faculty and the breadth of information I was encouraged to experience as part of the liberal arts curriculum. I found new and interesting things to learn, as well as ways of learning about new and interesting things. The former made me more informed and better rounded while the latter revelation bolstered confidence to take on any subject, including the law."

## DARREN HENGST '99

Lycoming's theatre department has undoubtedly helped Darren Hengst flourish in his dual-role as actor and entrepreneur. His professional performing career began in 2003 after graduating from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's three-year MFA Acting Program. He returned to his native Philadelphia and has performed in venues such as the Walnut Street Theatre, The Arden Theatre Company and People's Light & Theatre. His favorite plays have included "Les Misérables," "Of Mice and Men," "Sunday in the Park with George," "Candide" and "The Glass Menagerie."

When not rehearsing for a performance, he worked as a carpenter in a scenic studio in Wilmington, Del. Hengst, who started building sets as a theatre major at Lycoming, says the studio is where he began refinishing old pieces of furniture using non-toxic, earth-friendly paints about four years ago.

Nowadays, that experience is coming in really handy as he creates display units for use in many Whole Foods Market stores, which is where his wife's line of all natural and organic skin care products is sold. His custom-made displays are fashioned from reclaimed wood and salvaged materials. Together, Hengst and his wife, Jackie, also own and operate Green Pad Living ([greenpadliving.com](http://greenpadliving.com)), which manufactures and retails an all-inclusive line of environmentally-friendly home products.

"We recently installed our products and displays in our 17th Whole Foods Market store," said Hengst. "We can be found from New Jersey to North Carolina and out to Ohio and Kentucky. For most of the year, I was acting full time and trying to play catch up with GPL, but I finished a show last November and am taking the rest of the year to really cultivate it."

In addition to promoting earth-friendly products, the Hengsts have dedicated their time to creating awareness for autism and coaching parents on recovery efforts.

"Among many other food sensitivities, science has found that many autistic children can't break down the protein in gluten and casein and it instead turns into an opiate in their systems," said Hengst, who is involved with Pennsylvania's chapter of Talk About Curing Autism. "Once dietary changes are in place, we start the initial process of breaking through the autistic wall. These changes are then followed by several different forms of detoxification from environmental toxins, and then rebuilding the system. My wife and I assist parents whose children have been recently diagnosed, and in doing so, we wish to convey an understanding that autism is treatable and that, most importantly, there is hope."



Darren Hengst '99

## ASHLEY LEECH '07

In the four years since graduating magna cum laude with a political science degree from Lycoming, Ashley Leech has obtained a master's in African studies from the University of Oxford in England and worked as an international development consultant in Nairobi, Kenya; Kampala, Uganda; and Abuja, Nigeria.

Working with local and internationally based, non-governmental organizations, Leech has led the design and implementation of programs targeting vulnerable populations in Africa. Her main responsibility has been to help NGOs to most effectively use the money they acquire from various funding agencies. She has established technical expertise in pub-

lic health programming, helping organizations design programs on necessary health initiatives in Africa ranging from HIV prevention to malaria and other infectious disease control projects. Leech also has managed and conducted needs-assessments for emerging projects, formulated financial and programmatic analyses of public health and overlapping intervention in Africa, and led the operations research for multi-million dollar funding proposals she helped write.

Leech, who plans to pursue a Ph.D. in international development economics/policy, also is helping local partners in five African countries conduct a baseline health needs-assessment.

"Professor [Jonathan] Williamson's [political science] classes have been extremely beneficial in this regard," she said. "And

he continues to be very responsive when I have a question regarding the methodology for such analyses. I still seek advice from him; he has been extremely helpful."

"Lycoming prepared me for graduate school, and the one-on-one professor to student attention helped prepare me for what I am doing now. I intentionally chose Lycoming because it was a small college and had great professors and programs. My professors also instilled the confidence I needed to get to where I am today."

Leech has temporarily returned to her residence in New York City, where she is working on a few different consultancies from afar in addition to an independent, freelance publication on poverty in America.

"I love immersing in different cultures and ways of life," said Leech, who climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in November as part of a fund-raising effort that brought in nearly \$2,000 for orphans and other vulnerable children in Kenya who cannot pay to finish high school. "I love Africa and I find it fascinating to uncover the different dimensions of foreign aid and how to most effectively disperse it to needed populations on the ground. It is also interesting seeing the forward-thinking and innovations happening in various African cities such as Nairobi, Kenya and Lagos, Nigeria."



Ashley Leech '07

## DR. CONNIE WILSON '02

Dr. Connie Wilson is all about helping others. Her goal is simple, “save the world one tooth at a time.” She is chasing this ambition as the owner of 2 Dental Divas (2dentaldivas.com) in Lewisburg, Pa., a boutique general dentistry office featuring an all-female staff. Rounding out the practice is Dr. Julie Ann Barna as well as a hygienist, office manager and an expanded function dental assistant.

A biology degree from Lycoming served as the foundation for her future educational endeavors, including a master’s from Bloomsburg University and a DMD degree from Temple University’s Kornberg School of Dentistry.

“The small, private atmosphere at Lycoming helped me feel comfortable and not completely overwhelmed,” said Wilson.

“The professors were incredible, especially Dr. [Howard] Berthold, and all the biology and chemistry profs. Not only were they cool, but they really encouraged the students to ask questions and learn all they wanted, too.”

Wilson is active in the Pennsylvania Dental Association, the Academy of General Dentistry and the American Dental Association.

“I grew up in a very dental family,” she said. “My dad graduated from Temple and has been practicing dentistry for close to 40 years. My mother has been a hygienist for the same amount of time. And I can count on my brother for all sorts of amazing overnight lab fixes as he has been a lab technician for years.”

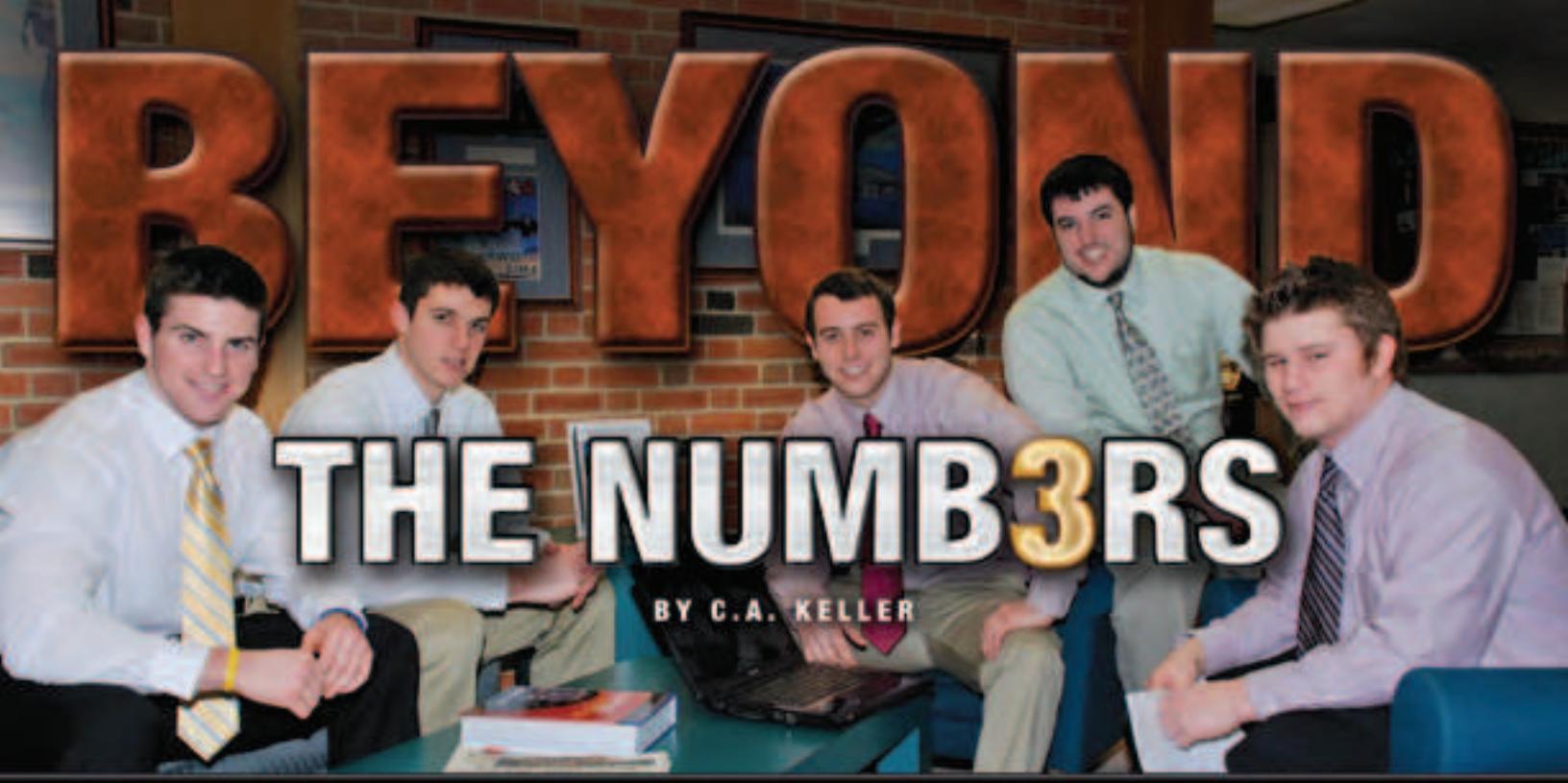
When she’s not working at her Lewisburg office, Wilson can be found seeing patients at the Susquehanna River Valley Dental Health Clinic, which, she says, serves the medical assistance population and low-income, uninsured patients. Located in Sunbury, it treats children and adults in Northumberland, Snyder and Union counties. Services at the clinic include treatment for cavities and periodontal disease, fixed and removable dental prosthetics and preventative treatments, such as cleanings, exams and education about how to care for teeth.

“I like working with people, getting to know them and making them feel comfortable,” said Wilson. “People don’t like to get stuck with needles and have their teeth drilled...but we try to make the experience as comfortable as possible and not surprisingly, they leave with a smile.”

When Wilson needs a much-deserved break from serving others, she usually returns home to help her parents with their hobby farm, which is home to Scottish Highland cattle that they show and sell. She is also taking on the adventure of renovating an old farm house she purchased last year.



*Dr. Connie Wilson '02*



## Accounting department showcases a legacy of connection

Lycoming College Accounting Society officers include (from left): Dan Cassidy '11, Greg Wheeland '11, Chris Berube '11, John Roland '12 and Zach Ewbank '11



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embers of the Lycoming College Accounting Department are adamant about academic standards of excellence and the notion that stereotypes do not apply to the 21st century world of accounting.

"A lot of people think we sit here and crunch numbers all day long," said Zach Ewbank '11, Accounting Society president. "And if you're an auditor, that's the farthest from what you do."

In fact, accounting is about making connections, about working the numbers but also making them meaningful so people can better conduct their business and their lives. Lycoming's accounting program exemplifies how a tightly interconnected network of alumni and students can pave the way to the future. And in today's uncertain economic environment, dedication and connection can make all the difference.

"In a world where people are having trouble finding a job, we're having trouble meeting the needs of our alumni in the workforce who keep calling us to hire our new graduates," said Richard Wienecke '66, assistant professor of accounting.

The secret to the department's success is its commitment to a standard of excellence that has grown and changed through the years to mirror the development of a changing world.

When Eldon Kuhns '70, accounting department chair and associate professor, returned to the College in 1979, there were two full-time staff members and several adjuncts who served the then-standard 128 credit-hour program. Now, 32 years later, the department is home to three full-time professors: Kuhns, Wienecke and Lauri (Cero) Kremer '88, an assistant professor, all of whom are Lycoming graduates.

and certified public accountants. The trio delivers the 150 credit-hour program designed to meet the needs of students entering accounting today.

The 150 credit hours are part of a national requirement for students planning to take the Certified Public Accountant exam. Lycoming's program is unique in that most students, with some flexibility, can complete the workload in four years, including summer internships and May term.

"It's not easy," Wienecke said. "It means overloads, it means summer courses, it means independent studies, and it means an internship, which is an academic experience they get credit for. We work with those students individually to get the 150 hours done within four years."

All students in the department must complete an internship and some, such as accounting and finance major Justin Waycaster, '11, complete several. Orchestrated by Anne Landon, Lycoming's assistant director of the Institute for Management Studies and internship coordinator, the internship program facilitates the process by placing students with businesses.

"In the business sense, networking and building connections are almost more important than the theory you learn in the classroom," Waycaster said. "And Lycoming does a very good job making connections between their students and future employers. At the same time, all the professors have a good core knowledge and breadth of knowledge, and they have plenty of experience, so the education we are receiving is vital."

The department's goal is to help students make that crucial leap from campus to the accounting world, and it spares nothing in making sure they're prepared.

Kremer arranges a yearly trip to New York, Philadelphia, or, as was the case this year, Pittsburgh, to visit established firms such as Morgan Stanley and Zelenkofske Axelrod. The accounting lab, open in the evenings, is staffed with tutors, computers and solution materials. A giant sign bearing the initials "CPA" marks the lab's wall, and alumni often return to their old stomping ground to sign the wooden letters, leaving proof of the former students who have gone on to see considerable success in the field. Among them are Richard Stamm '76, the vice chairman and U.S. tax leader at PricewaterhouseCoopers, a "Big Four"



*The accounting department is led by professors Lauri (Cero) Kremer '88, Eldon Kuhns '70 and Richard Wienecke '66.*

**"I think we do an excellent job of preparing our kids for the real world. It's a very rigorous program."**

national accounting firm; and Gene Dodaro '73, whom the U.S. Senate confirmed as the eighth Comptroller General of the United States and head of the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

For Kremer, this level of success is typical of her two colleagues, who once were also her professors. "(They) have a legacy of students who've just been so incredibly successful," she said. "It says a lot about them, and it says a lot about our program. And it says a lot about them that I was one of their students and now I'm back here teaching. That's their legacy. Hopefully, in another 25 years I will be leaving behind the same legacy."

The alumni who have benefited from that strength and consistency value their experience at Lycoming and believe in giving back, often returning to campus to give presentations and speak with current students.

"The accounting program at Lycoming is tough," said John Compton '88, a

partner at ParenteBeard, a regional accounting firm in Williamsport. "You earn your stripes going through that program, there's no question about it. We know when we hire a Lycoming graduate that they're going to know their debits and credits . . . and we know they have a good foundation to work from."

For students on campus, developing that foundation is paramount. Together, student dedication and alumni outcomes illustrate the careful craft behind the accounting program's success.

"I think we do an excellent job of preparing our kids for the real world," Kuhns said. "It's a very rigorous program. The strength of Lycoming's accounting program has been its high standards. And we simply haven't wanted to give that up just for the sake of having more majors. I think it's always been a rigorous program, it continues to be and will be as long as I'm here, and I'm sure as long as Lauri Kremer's here. She'll be our future."

For Ewbank, the small program, with its emphasis on personal attention, is a key factor in the department's success.

"My teachers here have really pushed me to excel and be not only better at accounting, but a better person," Ewbank said. "Better at everything I do. When I put forth effort into something, it should be 100 percent every time. It should be my best work, all the time. They've really given me a sense of self-worth."



Oscar winner  
Tom Woodruff '80  
with wife,  
Tami (Spitler) '81,  
and son, Connor '14

# 4 SPECIAL HOMECOMING

# I

nspired as a youngster by movies such as "Planet of the Apes" and "Frankenstein," Tom Woodruff Jr. '80 left his hometown in central Pennsylvania in 1982 to pursue his childhood dream of making movies in Hollywood. Within a decade, he became renowned as a special effects guru with a canny ability to make monsters, aliens and other creatures come to life on the movie screen. Woodruff is now co-owner of Amalgamated Dynamics, Inc., in Chatsworth, Calif., which creates prosthetic make-ups, animatronic puppets, actor duplicates and replica animals for a variety of movies.

Toting his Oscar for the special effects he created for the Meryl Streep film, "Death Becomes Her," Woodruff returned to his roots in Williamsport, Pa., to offer his support for the area's film industry. In the city's Community Arts Center just two days before the 83rd annual Academy Awards aired, he was the honored guest at an event sponsored by the Central Pennsylvania Film Office and also was recognized as the organization's newest advisory board member.

During the event, which showcased props and movie memorabilia from his blockbuster movies, Woodruff described behind-the-scenes details of his costume designs and showed clips of his special characters and character effects from movies ranging from "Aliens" and "Terminator" to the "Spiderman" and "The Santa Claus" series. Woodruff, who also earned multiple Academy Award nominations for his work on "Starship Troopers" and "Alien3," then wowed the audience by showing a never-before-seen teaser trailer of "Sideshow," a horror feature film about a traveling circus set in the 1930s that he hopes to direct in the Williamsport area, where he has been scouting filming locations.

"What's great about something like this is to be able to do it in this theatre, just because of my connection to this place ever since I was a little kid coming here and watching movies with my parents and then working here," said Woodruff. "And now, seeing the trailer that we just made up on that screen is pretty cool. To have it in front of an audience, even a short version like this, is a great experience."

A native of Montoursville and graduate of Loyalsock Township High School, Woodruff and his wife, Tami (Spitler) '81, have three sons; their youngest, Connor, is a Lycoming freshman. He represents the fourth generation of the Woodruff family to attend the College. While at Lycoming, Woodruff earned a dual-degree in business administration and theatre with a focus on filmmaking and writing.

"The theatre department was very flexible," Woodruff said of his Lycoming experience. "At the time, I really wanted to study film but they only had about one or two film classes, so the head of the department worked with me and allowed me to create a couple of independent study classes for credit. I was able to focus on areas of filmmaking that I otherwise wouldn't have been able to do. This showed me that if you really want to do something, there are people out there who are willing to support you."



By Casey Spencer '05

**O**n a chilled and rainy Nov. 4, 2010, nearly 300 Lycoming students, faculty and staff came together for the College's Unity March and Rally.

In the midst of a chanting crowd carrying umbrellas and handmade signs, one group of students stood out. Donning black, trash bag ponchos with "UNITY!" spelled out in pink duct tape, they sang songs such as the Black-Eyed Peas' "Where is the Love" as they linked arms to hold the word in place.

Though this was the first occurrence of such a rally at Lycoming, it wasn't the first time someone took notice of the "Pink Ladies," as the group of students has come to be known on campus.

Led by junior Laura Klym, a resident advisor, the "Pink Ladies" are a dynamic group of first-year females from the third floor of Asbury Hall who came together for a friendly competition between new students during Lycoming's First Weekend activities, solidifying their team identity by sporting pink-colored clothing.

What began as a light-hearted way to bond has ultimately grown into a demonstration of what the Residential Life programming at Lycoming is all about.

"The hardest time to adjust to college is the first semester away from home, and the transition from high school to college

can be a scary thing," says Klym. "I decided to become an RA because in my freshman year I saw the importance of our floor activities and relationships with one another. Those experiences set the tone of the entire four years."

Klym's efforts haven't gone unnoticed. Andrew Kilpatrick, director of residential life, comments, "Our mission is not only to provide housing and rooms, but also to create a welcoming community on the floor, in the building and around campus. In her first year as an RA, Laura has worked hard to put this mission into practice and it shows."

In addition to group activities such as roller skating and game nights that help the first-year students unwind and adjust to college life, the ladies show their school spirit at sporting events and serve the Williamsport community through service projects. They have organized a "Senior Citizen Senior Prom" at a nearby retirement community, participated in "Valentines for Veterans" and held a luau at the end of the semester with Hope Enterprises, a local organization providing services to children and adults with special needs.

Klym, who studies psychology and criminal justice, finds her role as an RA to be very rewarding. "It has helped me

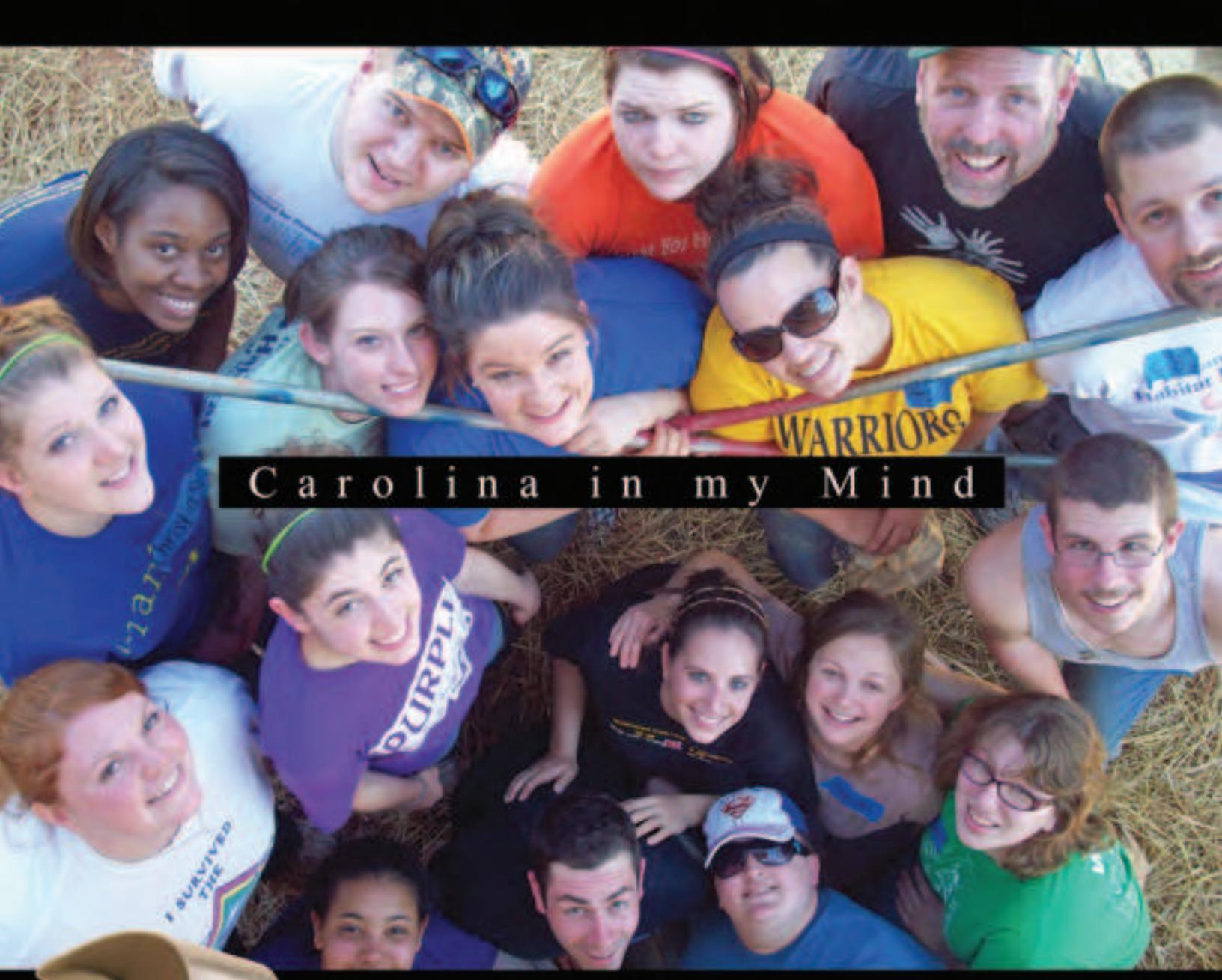
grow personally and allowed me to be a role model for other students," she says.

She hopes her efforts help other students make their Lycoming education as memorable for them as the last three years have been for her. "I love the friends I've made, the staff and how they've challenged me academically to do my best, and the endless opportunities for success. I'm not just a number at a university; everyone has their own special place that contributes to Lyco's community."

And Klym has made quite the contribution. In addition to her role as an RA, she is the president of Circle K, a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority, a tutor and mentor for a local after-school program, and has served as a tour guide for the Office of Admissions. This summer, she will be working as a mental health aide at a women's correctional facility.

And though the "Pink Ladies" will soon be leaving Asbury Hall to begin their sophomore year, they look forward to remaining friends and encouraging a new group of first-year students, inspired by Klym and her special place as their advisor, mentor and friend.

▲ First-year students from third floor Asbury Hall, aka the "Pink Ladies"



## Carolina in my Mind

By Casey Spencer '05



**W**orkers maneuvered around the construction site of a one-story home on a sun-bathed, mid-March day in the outskirts of the small town of Pittsboro, N.C. On roofs, ladders, scaffolding and the occasional solid ground, they painted, pounded, sided and sawed. To those driving by, the scene looked much like any other building site. For those 20-plus crew members though, it was something special.

Most of the team consisted of volunteers, 13 of them Lycoming College students and four more, alumni or staff advisors. Many had no construction experience, some had met only days earlier and a few had never truly used a hammer. For the students, it was spring break.





Four days into their task, they worked efficiently toward their goal without complaint. Those with fears of heights conquered them on rooftops. Lack of experience was overcome with a desire to learn. Sore muscles and tired bodies – a result not only of hard work, but also evenings of rather competitive Frisbee – were masked by smiles and laughter forged from growing friendships and a love of helping others.

No smile was bigger than that of Amanda's, though. In five days, she saw a roof completed, interior walls raised, and siding hung and painted on the first home she would ever own, all thanks to the efforts of the Lycoming group and a handful of volunteers and staff from Chatham County (N.C.) Habitat for Humanity.

One of the volunteers was Anne DiSante '06. Experienced from her time as a student on Habitat trips, she now accompanies them as an advisor.

"I looked backwards off the scaffolding to see Amanda gazing at the side of the house, beaming from ear to ear with this smile that I'll never forget," she said. "You could just tell how grateful she was that we were there."

An employee of Carolina Tiger Rescue, a nonprofit wildlife sanctuary whose mission is saving and protecting wild cats in captivity and in the wild, Amanda loves her job. As she graciously guided her Lycoming builders on a tour of the sanctuary in appreciation of their work, she relayed the name, personality and unique back-story of every animal at the facility. At the conclusion and with misty eyes, she said goodbye and one last thank-you to the group.

The biggest thanks, however, was her expression that the appreciation wasn't only for the work on her future home, but what that home will provide – the opportunity to remain with her animals, continuing to aid them through the job she loves.

"Habitat is an amazing organization, and being able to use my time to have such a large impact on someone else's life goes beyond description," said junior

Stephanie Robinson. "It's amazing how volunteering like that can really bring people together quickly."

Also a junior and first-time Habitat participant, Claire Zido echoed the statement: "The most valuable thing I took away from the Habitat trip was how important it is to try new things, meet new people and face your fears," she said. "I never would have pictured myself on a rooftop until I went on this trip, and I never would have met such wonderful people. To know that we all come from such different places on campus, yet we were able to come together for such an amazing purpose is pretty special. The memories will last a lifetime, as well as the friendships made."

This spring, more than 300 students will participate in Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge program in Chatham County, completing nearly three quarters of the year's volunteer hours in just a few weeks. Though only a small fraction of these volunteers, the 17 members of the Lycoming community who sat around a campfire on Friday, March 18, thoughtfully reflecting on their experience, couldn't help but express how large of an impact they made, and how positively the trip impacted them.

*This was the 21st year the Lycoming College chapter of Habitat for Humanity participated in the Collegiate Challenge spring break program, organized by Habitat for Humanity International. Working five, six-hour days March 14-18, the students and advisors stayed at Camp Royal, a 133-acre summer camp facility for individuals with autism. The group also enjoyed free time shopping and sightseeing in Chapel Hill, N.C.*



Damian Priznar '12 (right) with a Chatham County Habitat volunteer



Christine Gillogly '14 smiles from a set of scaffolding while painting



Greg Bell '99, senior major gift officer and trip advisor, works on siding the home

# 200 YEARS

BY JERRY RASHID



President James Douthat



U.S. Rep. Tom Marino '85



State Sen. Gene Yaw '70



State Rep. Rick Mirabito



Wmspt. Mayor Gabe Campana

From its proud founding as a coeducational academy serving a thriving lumber community to its current position as a national liberal arts and sciences institution, Lycoming College has truly witnessed a remarkable transformation during its 200-year history. Just ask the Rev. Ben Crever, a founding father of the College, who returned to campus to give the keynote address during Lycoming's Bicentennial Charter Day Celebration on April 2, 2011.

Crever, aka Dr. John Piper, dean emeritus of the College and school historian, informed distinguished guests, alumni and members of the campus community that the keys to Lycoming's longevity have been its persistence and drive, characteristics that have helped it evolve from an academy to a seminary to a junior college to where it stands today.

Under the leadership of Dr. James Douthat, who is in his 21st year as president, Lycoming celebrates its position as a Tier 1 institution by U.S. News and World Report. Through its evolution, the College has remained a bastion of excellence in teaching and learning for lives of service, leadership and achievement.

The celebration marked 200 years to the day that the College received its charter

"It's certainly an honor and a privilege to be here. I got a sound education at Lycoming that has helped my career to this day. I am very thankful to Lycoming College. Education is the key to this country and will propel us to show the world what this nation is made of. It's a privilege to be back here and it's an honor to be a graduate of this college; and I do not hesitate to tell my colleagues in Washington, D.C., that I am a proud graduate of Lycoming College."

U.S. Rep. Tom Marino '85

"There is a great deal of pleasure for me to be able to participate in this event today. I was born not too far from here at the Williamsport Hospital and I was the first person in my family to attend college. Graduating from Lycoming has really served me well. My wife is a trustee here so we have a great connection with Lycoming. It goes without saying that it is a privilege for me to be able to share greetings from the senate of Pennsylvania in a setting like this."

State Sen. Gene Yaw '70

► Dr. John Piper as the Rev. Ben Crever

# O THE DAY



The Rev. Ben Crever (far right) thanked the trustees attending the Charter Day Celebration for their service to the College. They included (from left): President James Douthat, Pete Sides '60, Arthur Haberberger '59, Robert Shangraw '58, James Scott '70, Ann Pepperman and Harold Hershberger Jr. '51.

from the state of Pennsylvania. Crever said that from the very beginning, the founders were convinced that the way to a better future was a sound education. He said the academy operated much like a liberal arts college does today, teaching subjects such as reading, writing, history, music, art and the sciences.

"When the seminary was founded [1848], I had a favorite theme, a favorite word," said Crever. "It may help to know I taught Greek. That word was the Greek word for truth - aletheia. At the time, the Rev. Thomas Bowman was president of the school. When he looked for a word, a term, a key idea to symbolize what the school stood for, he put that word on the College seal. I am very honored that the

trustees have chosen to keep that word in that place."

Among the event's activities were proclamation presentations by U.S. Rep. Tom Marino '85, state Sen. Gene Yaw '70, state Rep. Rick Mirabito and Williamsport

"As mayor of the great city of Williamsport, it is truly an honor to say happy birthday Lycoming College! You look terrific. As a city, we are fortunate that we are a partner of such a fine institution and look forward to many years of mutual respect, cooperation and growth. As mayor of Williamsport, I hereby proclaim, today, April 2, 2011, as Lycoming College Bicentennial Day."

Williamsport Mayor Gabe Campana

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INTO OUR THIRD CENTURY

"Sometimes we forget what a blessing it is to have the opportunity to go to college. We have about 25 percent nationwide of our citizens who have a bachelor's degree or higher. At institutions such as Lycoming College, for many of the kids, it's the first time someone in their family has had an opportunity to go to college. It's a blessing for us in this community to have the institution here. I say thank you and keep up the great work and congratulations."

State Rep. Rick Mirabito

Mayor Gabe Campana; recognition of Lycoming's past and present trustees in attendance; raising of the 1812 flag by Bob Hamell '11 and Tyler Breech '12, the current and incoming president of the student senate, respectively; playing of the alma mater by the College's chamber winds; live music by Full Circle, featuring Brian Clayton '93, John Oleniacz '92, Michael Saulnier '96 and Dan Ward '94; and a fireworks display on the quad.

Recognition also was given to the Rev. Donald Raffensperger, chair of the Preachers' Aid Society, which owned the College for more than 100 years, and to Trustee Pete '60 and Carol Sides, who graciously sponsored the Charter Day Celebration.



THINKING OF

# Japan

By Jerry Rashid



Sayumi Akashi

At 12:32 a.m., Friday, March 11, Sayumi Akashi posted on her Facebook page: "Is there anyone who has a tape measure?? I really need it for about 5 min!!!" Her

next post, about an hour later, read: "Japan had a huge earthquake ... OMG ... My house was ok, but I'm afraid of the earthquake ... Everyone be careful!!!"

Within a bat of an eye, Akashi, a Lycoming College student from Chigasaki-shi, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan, went from eagerly working from her Rich Hall room on her sorority induction ceremony dress to being paralyzed with fear from the news halfway around the world about the most powerful recorded earthquake to hit the island nation and the catastrophic tsunami that followed. Fortunately, her hometown, a bedroom community of Tokyo and not close to the quake's epicenter, suffered minimal damage and her family was unharmed.

In the following days, while on spring break at a classmate's home in New York, Akashi created a Facebook event page to encourage Lycoming students to take action for Japan. She asked students to leave comments on the message board for those affected by the disasters, which

she then translated and sent along through the Japanese version of Facebook.

"I received more than 50 messages," Akashi said. "I read all of them. Everyone was so very kind. If everybody thinks and prays for Japan, the Japanese people will be happy."

She says her family and countless others continue to face a day-by-day, uphill battle due to shortages of food and quality drinking water and the ongoing power blackouts caused by damage to the nation's nuclear power plants.

During her one-year stint at Lycoming, Akashi has been studying political science and international studies; she plans to return to the University of the Sacred Heart in Tokyo to complete her degree. Despite being the only Japanese student at Lycoming, she's been very pleased with her experience.

"I wanted to come to a school that did not have other Japanese students so I would be forced to speak English," said Akashi. "I wanted to experience new things and not talk Japanese all the time."

Akashi, who stars as the No. 2 singles player on the Warriors' women's tennis team, discovered Lycoming while searching the web for a school to attend in the United States. The College was appealing to her because of its small size and the fact that it had a Japanese Culture Club. She credits Dr. Len Cagle, Lycoming's assistant professor of German and advisor of the club, for helping her make a smooth transition to her temporary home.

"When I talked to him and found out he could speak Japanese and that his wife was Japanese, I was very excited," she said. "I thought they could help me. They are very, very nice people. He speaks very good Japanese, too."

Prior to her decision to attend Lycoming, Akashi and Cagle exchanged several emails to address some of her concerns about what life would be like for her at the College.

"I told her that we have some international students on campus and that it would be great if we had more, especially someone from Japan," said Cagle, who also serves as her academic advisor. "With the questions that she asked and the command she had of the English language, I thought she would do very well here."

"I also think it's a tremendous benefit for our students to meet people from other cultures. It's a great learning experience for them as well as for the international students. Sayumi is very motivated, hard-working and is a great role model for our students. She is a very impressive young woman."

On April 19, the Japanese Culture Club held a roundtable discussion led by Cagle, Akashi and other members of the campus community in an effort to help Lycoming learn more about the earthquake and tsunami that devastated eastern Japan, as well as the ongoing efforts to control the stricken reactors and leaking radiation at Fukushima Daiichi.



## Flea market find FOLLOW-UP

**Editor's note:** In the winter 2009 issue of *Lycoming Magazine*, a story titled "Flea Market Find" described Karen Waide's \$20 purchase of a framed replica of Jesus. When she took the piece to a friend for refinishing, a diploma belonging to Anna Swayze Black dated June 20, 1889, from Williamsport Dickinson Seminary was discovered between the wooden slats that formed the back of the frame. Waide donated the diploma to the College. On Feb. 23, 2011, the Office of College Relations received the following e-mail from Dr. Alice J. Poust of Lewisburg, Pa.

"I write regarding Jerry Rashid's article on Karen Waide's discovery of a diploma awarded to Anna Swayze Black by the Williamsport Dickinson Seminary in 1889. Anna Swayze Black Rue was my great-grandfather's sister. She was the daughter of Perry Decatur and Ann Elizabeth Swayze of Rohrsburg, Columbia Co., Pa. Anna's sister was Mary Elizabeth Black and her brother, my great-grandfather was Swayze Black.

Anna Swayze Black Rue prepared a genealogy of her family (Black and Swayze) and distributed it to members of the family. Her work is rather remarkable since it required visits to state and local archives and personal interviews of the oldest family members and elders of the various communities. In the little free time I have to devote to genealogy, I always return to her family history. Since the only thing I knew about her was that she had graduated from the Williamsport Dickinson Seminary in 1889 and had married a Methodist minister, Vaughn T. Rue, I did a search for Anna herself. I was surprised and very pleased to see your article online.

Actually, I identified very much with Karen Waide, who purchased the picture at the flea market in Virginia, feeling that I had found a small treasure. As the Spanish saying goes, 'El mundo es un pañuelo' (The world is a handkerchief.). I appreciate Ms. Waide's willingness to share her story with you and with other extended family members.



Dr. Alice J. Poust

I knew that Aunt Anna was from a family that valued education, since all three of the children had studied - Anna and Mary Elizabeth at Williamsport Dickinson Seminary and my great-grandfather, Swayze Black, at the Wyoming Seminary. The family lived in Rohrsburg and I grew up nearby in Millville, so I know the area.

In addition to Anna Swayze Black and her sister, Mary Elizabeth, their cousin, Alfred Bruce Black, may be the one whom you mentioned [in the article] as attending Williamsport Dickinson Seminary. He was born in 1873 and became a professor at what was then Bloomsburg State Teachers College. Also, Anna Swayze Black Rue indicates in the family history that her aunt, Mary Alice Swayze (1845-1925), attended Williamsport Dickinson and the Wyoming Seminary. She went on to graduate from the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia. She lived and practiced medicine in Mahanoy City and Pottsville, Pa., according to ASBR. I believe that a descendant of the Swayze Black family may have graduated from Lycoming—Faith Heaps ['83], originally from the Bloomsburg area.

My sister, Priscilla Poust Hoffman, who studied at Penn College in Williamsport, and her husband, also live in Lewisburg. I followed the Spanish custom of women keeping their surnames after marriage. My husband, Manuel Delgado is from Spain and, like me, is a Spanish professor at Bucknell University. Our daughters, Antonia and Aurora, are Bucknell alums and value their Spanish and U.S. (Pennsylvania) heritages. All four of my grandparents were from this general area: the Pousts were relatively early settlers in Lycoming Co., and the Hilners (Heilners), the Blacks and the Seiberts lived primarily in neighboring Columbia County.

Many thanks to Karen Waide and to *Lycoming Magazine* for sharing this discovery with us."

In 1993, Roger Crebs '87 returned to his alma mater, much like the fabled tale of Bear Bryant returning to coach football at the University of Alabama.

"Mama called," Bryant said, "and when mama calls, then you just have to come running."

And so it was with Crebs.

Legendary coach Budd Whitehill was sick with cancer and asked Crebs to come back to Williamsport to help coach the team, to ease the inevitable transition of the day that Whitehill would decide to hang up his whistle after a 37-year career at Lycoming College.

Unfortunately, Crebs never got that transition period. Whitehill died that summer and Crebs was left with the responsibility to carry on the legacy of a man that was a giant in small-college wrestling.

In late 2010, Crebs and Whitehill became the only pair of coaches in the history of Division III to win 300 matches each at the same school, joining the University of Minnesota's legendary coaching duo of Wally Johnson and J. Robinson as the only pairs in collegiate wrestling history to reach the milestone.

It's a feat that has impressed many, not just at Lycoming, but across the collegiate landscape.

"Roger has done an outstanding job of replacing legendary Lycoming wrestling coach Budd Whitehill," said David Icenhower, who has won more than 500 matches at The College of New Jersey. "It is never easy to replace a legend, but Roger has done an excellent job of keeping Lycoming in the forefront of NCAA Division III wrestling."

To say that Whitehill and Crebs' legacies are tied together is an understatement, but that's the way Crebs wants it. Recruited by Whitehill to wrestle at Lycoming in the early 1980s, Crebs, a Lewisburg (Pa.) High School graduate, went to Lock Haven University for a year before deciding to transfer to Lycoming, a decision made that much easier by the man coaching the team.

"It was how Budd approached it when he was recruiting me," Crebs said. "He made it feel like it was a family-oriented program. It made it feel right."



*Roger Crebs '87 recently completed his 18th year as the Warriors' head wrestling coach.*

From that first year, when Crebs was placed into the starting lineup in 1984 due to injuries at 158 pounds, where he won his first of three Middle Atlantic Conference Championships to help the team clinch a league title, Crebs began a long legacy of stepping up at the right time for his former coach.

In 1993, with the team still regrouping from Whitehill's death, Crebs, at age 28, took the helm and led the team to one of the best seasons in school history, posting a 17-2 record, winning a MAC Championship and guiding Kurt Schneck '94 to a national title at 126 pounds.

In 1995, Crebs' second year as a head coach, he took on the duties of hosting the Division III National Duals, a 20-team event featuring some of the best wrestlers in the country. In 1996, the name of the event was changed to the Budd Whitehill National Duals. The event hasn't left Lamade Gym since.

"After the second year we hosted, we attached Budd's name to the duals to give it a permanent home," said Crebs, who has welcomed in more than 300 teams for the tournament since 1995.

By his fourth year, Crebs had established that the Lycoming wrestling powerhouse wasn't going anywhere, leading the team to a 22-0 dual meet season and its first of three MAC titles. In 2000, he led the school to its highest finish ever at the NCAA Division III Championships – coaching four All-Americans to fifth place.

"They loved to wrestle, train and work out," Crebs said. "I never had to worry

about those guys putting in a second workout. They got along so well together. It was a group that lived together and stuck together. They all came from different walks of life, too. They didn't care where they came from. They just wanted the same outcome – to win."

Crebs' wrestlers changed generations, but the success never wavered: seven 20-win seasons, five MAC titles, nine top-25 finishes at the national championships. His wrestlers earned 22 All-American honors and four were crowned national champions, and he did it all with a simple, unwavering philosophy – love to wrestle.

"Being able to bring in kids that love to learn and aren't afraid to fail," Crebs said, is the key to his success. "You have to take those failures and correct the problem. If you're afraid to fail, you'll be wrestling not to lose and you will lose. Kids who love to wrestle and haven't achieved everything they've wanted are usually the kind of kid that will change for us and move forward."

Even this year, when the Warriors saw five weight classes lose a starter (and in some cases a backup starter), the team moved forward, upsetting No. 21 Springfield, 24-13, in the opening round of the Whitehill Duals and securing its 25th straight winning season, finishing 13-11 overall.

"We've had kids step up that we didn't expect to step up," Crebs said. "I don't know that we've used the same lineup two days in a row. You just go with what you have, put it on the mat and control what you can control and move forward."

One thing's for sure – after 55 years of Lycoming wrestling and 689 dual meet wins, the Warriors will keep moving forward, with the shadows of the program's two head coaches growing larger each day.

"Stability is a huge thing in athletics," Crebs said. "Being here this length of time and working with so many good people has been great. It keeps our alumni coming back and believing that this is something worth keeping."

# WARRIOR News

BY JOE GIUSTINA



T.J. Chiarolanza

- Senior T.J. Chiarolanza became the third player in the football program's history to earn ESPN/CoSIDA Academic All-American First Team honors. He also was named the MAC's Football Scholar-Athlete.
- Junior Ray Bierbach was named a D3Football.com Honorable Mention All-American. He finished 20th in the nation with six interceptions. His 84-yard interception return against Widener was featured as the D3Football.com National Play of the Week.
- Senior Josh Kleinfelter broke the football team's career rushing record against Albright, and finished his career with 3,665 yards. He was named a D3PRO-DAY.com Honorable Mention All-American.
- Senior Isaiah Britton advanced to the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships for the second straight year. The 149-pounder finished the season at 28-6 overall.



Isaiah Britton



Stacy Flick

- Senior Stacy Flick won MAC titles in women's swimming in the 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard breaststroke.
- Junior Joe Andrie set school records for the men's swimming team in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:01.89) and 200-yard breaststroke (2:15.15) at the MAC Championships.
- Senior women's basketball player Kaitlyn Ober was named to the All-Commonwealth Conference second team after leading the league in scoring (14.6 points per game). She also earned two D3Hoops.com National Team of the Week mentions.
- Freshman Kevin Anthony was named the Commonwealth Conference Rookie of the Year in men's basketball after averaging 9.6 points, 6.0 rebounds and 1.3 blocks per game.
- Senior Will Kelly became the 11th men's basketball player in school history to finish his career with 1,000 total points and 500 rebounds. He was a first team all-conference selection.
- Sophomore Jerald Williams set the men's basketball team's single-season (182) and single-game (17) assist records, finishing the year fourth in the nation in assists (7.3).
- Senior Kaitlin Horn was named to ESPN/CoSIDA's Women's Soccer Aca-



Jerald Williams

demic All-Region team after leading the Warriors with 28 points and 12 goals.

- Horn and senior Kati Shaner each tied the school record for goals (4) in a game, with Horn posting hers against Susquehanna and Shaner against Penn College.



Kaitlyn Ober

- Junior volleyball player Emily Abel set the school record for career digs against St. Mary's (Md.) and finished her junior campaign as the only player in school history to reach 2,000 in a career.

The men's and women's soccer teams from Lycoming College and Widener University will square off in a doubleheader at PPL Park in Philadelphia, on Friday, Oct. 7. The women's game will begin at 6 p.m. followed by the men's contest at 8 p.m. "It's really a tremendous opportunity to play at what many consider to be the finest stadium in all of Major League Soccer," said Scott Kennell, Lycoming's director of athletics and men's soccer head coach. "This is going to be an exciting night for our men's and women's soccer players as well as the College and our fans."

# REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,

As I sit in the alumni office of Long Hall, overlooking the Quad, I am thrilled to be back on campus introducing myself as your new director of alumni relations. I'm also delighted that by the time this publication reaches you, spring will be upon us!

April 2, 2011, marked the 200th anniversary of Lycoming's charter-signing.

A bicentennial kickoff celebration was held on campus to commemorate this milestone. Students, alumni, faculty and staff came together with community leaders to observe this occasion and demonstrate their Lycoming pride. Be sure to visit the alumni web page often to learn about special events planned during the 2011-12 academic year honoring Lycoming College as one of the 50 oldest institutions of higher learning in the country.

The first few weeks of my tenure have been a whirlwind of introductions, meetings and regional events. Eight alumni gathered in the Archives of Snowden Library in late January to take part in the first of many discussions in the Alumni Roundtable series. The group shared Lycoming memories, perceptions and insights, which will be invaluable to the future of the College and its alumni network. Subsequent roundtables will be scheduled in multiple geographic locations. Please consider contributing your observations and visions should one come to your neighborhood.

The future of the College can greatly be enhanced by a strong alumni network. I want to facilitate regional events that you find compelling, interesting and unique. I hope you will contact me at any time to share your perspective on gatherings you feel would be appealing in your area.

It is a great honor to be charged with the task of cultivating the relationship between the College and its past, present and future student body. I look forward to meeting you and collaborating together in the spirit of our alma mater.



*Bicentennial banners adorn the front of Long Hall*

## Lycoming College Alumni Association Executive Board

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Warmly,  
*Aly Dowling*  
Amy S. Dowling '04

A message from your

**Alumni  
Association  
Executive  
Board**

# STAY CONNECTED

When's the last time you returned to Lycoming for Homecoming or another on-campus event? Last year; your last reunion year; 10 years ago; never? Well, what if we made things easier and brought Lycoming to you?

The Regional Affairs Committee of the Alumni Association Executive Board (AAEB) wants to make sure everyone realizes that Lycoming holds a number of alumni events away from Williamsport as well.

In the summer 2008 issue of Lycoming Magazine, we announced the first alumni event sponsored by the AAEB: an All-Alumni Summer outing held in Philadelphia. The AAEB has organized at least one alumni gathering every summer since then.

Last year's event, "Lyco Down the Shore" at Sea Isle City, N.J., was so successful that we're doing it again this year. This laid back, "on-your-own" day – scheduled for Saturday, July 9 – gives alumni a chance to spend a day at the beach with their families and reunite with friends. The day will be highlighted by a \$7 buffet served under a tent outside the La Costa lounge.

Another summer event being planned by the AAEB—a day at Knoebels Amusement Resort near Elysburg on Saturday, July 30—will give alumni and their families a chance to enjoy one of central Pennsylvania's real treasures. Knoebels is America's largest free-admission park; visitors have the option of paying for individual rides or buying all-day passes. We will reserve a large picnic pavilion for the day for all Lycoming alums, giving everyone an ideal opportunity to renew acquaintances or make new friends.

Other AAEB-organized alumni events take place throughout the country each year. In 2010, for example, there were gatherings in Washington, Los Angeles, Atlanta, San Francisco and Glassboro, N.J., in the span of just a few months. Some were connected to College functions such as the choir's annual concert tour; others were organized by local alumni.

One of the more popular events, the ninth annual "Team Time Out," will take place at Oriole Park at Camden Yards in

Baltimore on Saturday, May 21. Organized by Steve Simchak '99 from day one, this event has grown into one of the most well-attended alumni get-togethers anywhere. Similar events have been organized at PNC Park in Pittsburgh by Krystal (Ray)

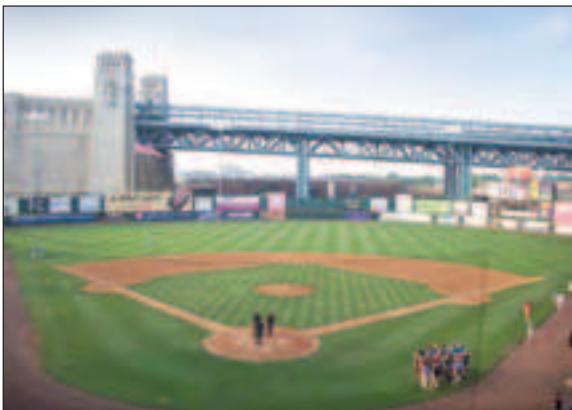
'05 and Ryan '05 Brooks and at Campbell Field in Camden, N.J., by Jack Tarditi '63. Many other alumni have organized outings around plays, concerts and other activities in their communities, and so could you.

Be sure to check out the "Alumni" section of the College web site ([www.lycoming.edu/alumni/events](http://www.lycoming.edu/alumni/events)) for a current listing of upcoming events and registration information – visit it frequently, since new events are added all the time. Also, be sure to read each issue of Lycoming Magazine to see what might be planned in the upcoming months.

Don't be reluctant to attend these alumni events because you're concerned you won't know anyone else, because that rarely happens. Being part of Lycoming is like being part of a very large extended family; there is always someone interesting to share stories with, even if your Lycoming experiences were generations apart. Alumni from the past decade or two marvel at "old-timers'" stories of required chapel attendance and women's dorm curfews, while alumni who are members of both AAEB and AARP enjoy updates on what the new residence hall is like and what has happened to their favorite hangouts. Groups of friends

who are often separated by considerable distances also use regional gatherings as an excuse for holding personal reunions.

Plan on visiting Lycoming soon – the inaugural beer and pretzel event was really popular at last year's Homecoming. In addition, bicentennial celebration activities will be held during the 2011-12 academic year. If you can't make it back to campus as often as you'd like, please know there are plenty of chances to share memories with other Lycoming grads at one of the many off-campus alumni events, as well!



Campbell's Field in Camden, N.J.



Gathering last fall for an alumni event at Buca di Beppo in San Francisco were (from left): Dave Franklin '74, Sue Preston '74, Liz (Gruse) '98 and Tanner Baldridge, Greg Bell '99, senior major gift officer, and Randy King '97.

Read more at [www.lycoming.edu/alumni/photogallery](http://www.lycoming.edu/alumni/photogallery)

Boca Raton, Fla., welcomed the Lycoming College Tour Choir during spring break. A group of alumni and friends gathered for the concert and brunch at ZED 451. Shown are President James Douthat and LeRoy Edwards '51.



The Salt Rock Grill in Indian Shores, Fla., was the site of an alumni dinner prior to the tour choir's performance in Seminole. Lambda Chi Alpha brothers (from left): Ken Vicencio '11, John Milnor '53, Andrew Paulhamus '13 and Adam Zitta '11



Teresa and Richard '66 Maestrelli and their family hosted the tour choir for a day of fun in the sun at their home in Odessa, Fla. From left: Ricky, Mercedes, Richard and Teresa Maestrelli with President Douthat

## UPCOMING events

### Spring 2011

#### **Friday, May 13, Philadelphia**

Murder Mystery Dinner at Bistro Romano,  
Historic Society Hill • 7 p.m.

Join in a unique and theatrical production of "Murder at the Irish Wake." The cast creates the intrigue, and the audience solves the mystery. An hour of hors d'oeuvres in the piano lounge is followed by a four-course dinner and show.

\$50 per person

#### **Friday, May 20, Washington, D.C.**

Happy Hour at The Front Page, DuPont Circle  
6 to 8 p.m.

Celebrate the weekend with complimentary appetizers, drink specials and Lycoming alumni!

#### **Saturday, May 21, Baltimore**

9th Annual Team Timeout at Camden Yards  
Baltimore Orioles v. Washington Nationals  
2:05 p.m. gates open  
2:35 p.m. picnic (buffet, draft beer, soda)  
4:05 p.m. play ball!

\$37 per person

#### **Saturday, July 9, Sea Isle City, N.J.**

Lyco Down the Shore: 4th Annual AAEB All-Alumni Summer Reunion

Put on your beach casual outfit, head to 40th Street Beach and enjoy a day along the Atlantic Coast with Lycoming alumni and friends!

10 a.m., beach time on your own

4:30 to 8:30 p.m., all you can eat buffet (\$7 per person, cash bar available) and live entertainment. This event will occur rain or shine.

Rooms at LaCosta are available for a reduced rate by calling 609.263.1111. Don't forget to mention you're a part of the Lyco reunion!

#### **Saturday, July 30, Elysburg, Pa.**

Knoebels Amusement Resort

Save the date for "fun, food and fantasy at Knoebels Amusement Resort." Details will be posted on the alumni web site as soon as available.

**To RSVP or for more information, visit [www.lycoming.edu/alumni/events](http://www.lycoming.edu/alumni/events) or call (570) 321-4376.**

**Class Notes submissions:**

Lycoming College wants to join you in celebrating your career and life accomplishments. You may wish to share information about a birth, wedding, anniversary, career move, retirement, life-changing experience, etc. We reserve the right to edit submissions to meet *Lycoming Magazine* style guidelines and space limitations. Only activities that have already taken place will be included in Class Notes.

**Photo submissions:** Please feel free to submit printed and high-resolution digital photos. Because of space limitations, we cannot publish every photo we receive, but your chances improve if your digital photos are of good quality and at least 300 dpi at a canvas size of 3x5. Lower resolution pictures may look sharp on your computer screen, but will not reproduce well in the magazine.

Information received after March 4, 2011, will be used in a future issue of the magazine.

**Send your Class Notes information to:**

- a) Class scribe
- b) Alumni Office  
Lycoming College  
700 College Place  
Williamsport, PA 17701
- c) E-mail:  
[alumni@lycoming.edu](mailto:alumni@lycoming.edu)

*Please be advised that as a result of our online posting and archiving of the magazine, information included in Class Notes may become publicly available and searchable through the Internet.*

**Recognized for 60 years of service**

The Rev. Thomas E. Anderman '49 (social studies) was honored for 60 years of ordained ministry by the Stroudsburg (Pa.) United Methodist Church in April 2010. As part of the service, he baptized his third great grandchild, Emma Grace Toombs. The sermon was delivered by Thomas' eldest granddaughter, the Rev. Lorelei Anderman Krall Toombs, who followed her grandfather and father, **Stanley Krall '73**, into the ministry.



Front row (from left): Philip B. Krall, Carol J. Anderman, Rev. Thomas E. Anderman '49, Peter S. Krall, Rev. Lorelei A. K. Toombs, and William T. Toombs.

Back row (from left): Drew Beynon, Alexandra S. Krall, Rev. Stanley J. Krall '73, Emma Grace Toombs held by Lynea Anderman '84, Clarita A. Krall '73, Doris R. Anderman '75 in front of Mark J. Anderman '75, Kelly A. Krall, Stephen J. Krall and Stephen Toombs. The Rev. James D. Anderman '77 was also in attendance but not pictured.

**1952**

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**1963**

Evelyn (McConnell) Derrick  
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**Mary Ann (Coder) Brinkley** (biology) recently held an exhibition of her artwork at Hannibal-LaGrange University in Missouri. She experiments with different media such as oils, watercolor and acrylics. Mary Ann also uses her art to make greeting cards.

**1964**

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**1965**

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**1969**

Tom McElheny  
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**Kenneth Allard** (political science) co-authored an article for the *New York Post* with former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee titled "The Homeland-Security follies." Kenneth is a former U.S. Army colonel and an NBC News military analyst.

**1970**

Susan Stewart  
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**Judy (Dayton) Abrams and Lynn (Salmons) Bower** have created two ways for the Class of 1970 to stay informed, view reunion photos and reconnect with old friends. "After such a fun 40th reunion at Homecoming 2010, many '70 alumni wanted to stay in touch before our next big reunion opportunity... the College's 200th birthday bash in 2012." Go to [www.facebook.com/pages/Lyco-Alumni-70/163084723713571](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lyco-Alumni-70/163084723713571) or visit [sites.google.com/site/lyco70](http://sites.google.com/site/lyco70).

## **Sen. Yaw named Alum of the Year**

Lycoming College recognized state Sen. Gene Yaw '70 (business) as its Alum of the Year at the 2011 Education Celebration sponsored by the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce on March 3. Recipients of the award must be Lycoming County residents who are actively involved in the community and respected in their profession.

In November 2008, Yaw was elected to represent Pennsylvania's 23rd District, which includes Bradford, Lycoming, Sullivan, Susquehanna and Union counties. Prior to running for the Senate, Yaw served as Lycoming County solicitor for 17 years and was named County Solicitor of the Year in 2004. He has also served as general counsel to the Pennsylvania College of Technology for more than 20 years.

Yaw serves as chairman of the Urban Affairs and Housing Committee and is also a member of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Environmental Resources and Energy, Law and Justice, Rules and Executive Nominations, and the Senate Majority Policy committees.

He is a member of the Lycoming Law Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association, American Bar Association, Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, Board of Directors of the Lycoming Law Association Foundation, Inc., and a former member with 17 years of service to the board of directors of Susquehanna Legal Services.

A U.S. Army veteran, Yaw enlisted as a Private E-1 and went on to graduate from the United States Artillery and Missile Officer Candidate School in Fort Sill, Okla. He served an overseas tour of duty as an artillery officer and was honorably discharged as a 1st Lieutenant. Yaw graduated from Montoursville High School, attended Bucknell University, and earned degrees from Lycoming College and the American University School of Law in Washington, D.C.

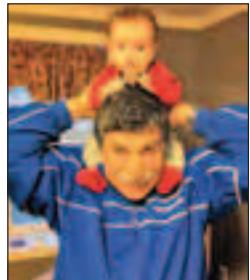


*State Sen. Gene Yaw '70*

James will continue to teach part-time. He and his wife, Janet, have two sons.

## **1972**

**Linda (Burton) Kochanov**  
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*Dr. James Pietrovito '71*

## **Marilee (Stevens) Woodrow**

(sociology) was sworn in as Ward 5 City Councilor in Springfield, Ore. She moved to Springfield with her late husband, John, in 1997.



*Marilee (Stevens) Woodrow '72*

## **1973**

**Virginia "Ginny" Shamlian**  
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or

**Sherrie (Burton) Smith**  
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## **1974**

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*Robert and Jane (Hall) '74 Russell*

**Gail (Gleason) Beamer**  
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## **1975**

**Tom Eisenman**  
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*"Wally" Thomas Skok '70 and Rick Keller '70 reunite near Skok's home in Zug, Switzerland.*

## **1971**

**Jon "Craig" Koons**  
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### **Frank Dertzbaugh**

(chemistry) was inducted to the Mount Airy (Md.) Hall of Fame on March 15 for his positive contributions to the community.

### **Dr. James Pietrovito**

(political science) recently accepted a position at NHTI-Concord's Community College in Concord, N.H.,

as program professor of education, social sciences. He will retire from his full-time duties after 32 years in the Community College System of New Hampshire.

## **1976**

**Tom Eisenman**  
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## Lindstrom hikes Nepal

Lana (Falejev) Lindstrom '70 (Soviet area studies) has a passion for travel and adventure. It's no surprise, then, that after a 21-day, 175 mile hike of Nepal, she's already planning her next journey.

The trek – one of the most classic in the world, according to Lindstrom – was of the Annapurna Circuit and Sanctuary in Nepal, ranging in elevation from 2,500 to 17,800 feet.

Accompanied by a guide and a porter, she slept and ate in simple lodges and enjoyed meeting other trekkers from Nepal and other countries. She describes both the journey and the scenery as spectacular.

"Traveling and staying healthy and active is my passion!" says Lindstrom. "My next

major trip will be a group bike and barge trip in Belgium for seven days in May - sleeping on a barge with 19 other folks and while the barge travels from city to city during the day, we will bike to the cities. Afterwards, my husband and I plan to explore Turkey, perhaps doing a multi-day hiking trek on the Lycian Way."

Lindstrom has been retired for almost 10 years and is active in several local hiking, biking, skiing and boating clubs. In March, she led a three-day, cross-country ski trip in the Cascade Mountains.



Lana (Falejev) Lindstrom '70

**The Rev. Haydn McLean** (biology) had a review of James Griffith's book "Religion That Heals, Religion That Harms" published in "The Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling."

## 1977

Brian Leonard  
(703) 913-0213  
[unclebrian@brianleonard.net](mailto:unclebrian@brianleonard.net)

**Jim Propert** (mathematics) was recently promoted to coordinator of secondary math at the Lee County (Fla.) School District after more than 31 years of teaching and working with students in the classroom.

## 1978

Edward and Jane (Snyder) Bird  
[fish1156@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fish1156@sbcglobal.net)

**Steve Howe** (sociology) has been named vice president of children's services at the Children's Guild, a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving children and adolescents with trauma disorders or who have

autism spectrum disorder and/or multiple disabilities in Maryland and Washington, D.C. He will lead Guild's admissions, three therapeutic group homes, treatment foster care program and Family Help Center.

**Joan Schell** (English) has been selected for inclusion in the 2010-11 edition of "Who's Who of American Women." She is an assistant professor of English at Pennsylvania College of Technology, where she has taught since 1984.

## 1979

John Piazza  
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**Keith May** (business administration) has been appointed vice president of marketing for Sidney Federal Credit Union. He resides in Norwich, N.Y., with his wife, Brenda, and daughter, Kayla.

## 1980

Roy Crowe  
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## 1981

Jeffrey S. Reddall  
(281) 242-6010  
[jeff@reddall-law.com](mailto:jeff@reddall-law.com)

## 1982

**Matthew Clarke** (art) recently travelled to New Orleans to volunteer with the Operation Helping Hands relief effort for Hurricane Katrina victims. His volunteer team sanded, spackled, hung doors and laid flooring in homes. Matthew is a business administrator for Springfield (N.J.) Public Schools.



Matthew Clarke '82

## 1983

**Tammy Weber** (criminal justice) has been named as the new managing attorney of Marshall, Parker and Associates of Williamsport, Jersey Shore, Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

## 1984

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## 1985

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**Constance (Snyder) Smith** (nursing) is a certified registered nurse practitioner with the Family Health Associates of Lewistown (Pa.). She earned a master's in nursing from Penn State University.

## 1987

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**Darcy (Johnson) Straka** (economics) was recently named director of community engagement at Philhaven, a behavioral health care provider in Mt. Gretna, Pa. She previously served as executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Lebanon County.



*Darcy (Johnson) Straka '90*

## 1991

*Malena (DeMore) Pearson*  
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## 1992

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**John "Ed" Frick** (history) co-authored an article with his brother, **Bill Frick '88**, titled "An ethic of connectedness: Enacting moral school leadership through programs and people" for the journal "Education, Citizenship and Social Justice."

**Jeanene Stark** (psychology) earned a master's degree in education from Edinboro University (Pa.) in December 2010.

## 1993

*Andrea (Ruble) Miller*  
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**Joseph Emrick** (history) was elected in November to the 137th District of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. He was a high school economics and American government teacher at Lower Moreland High School in Montgomery

County. Joseph and his wife, Christine, reside in Upper Nazareth Township with their two daughters, Olivia and Zoey.

## 1994

*Michele (Wawroski) Hogan*  
[shelhogans3@gmail.com](mailto:shelhogans3@gmail.com)

**Jeffrey Bennett** (accounting), a senior manager in ParenteBeard LLC's Audit and Accounting Services practice, has been recognized as one of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants' 2010-11 40 Under 40: Members to Watch class.

**Todd Prough** (criminal justice) recently co-authored an article, "Investigating and Prosecuting Hidden Compartment Cases," for the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.

## 1995

*Bob Martin*  
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**Dr. Mark Archambault** (chemistry) has been named the founding chair and program director for the new physician assistant graduate program at Elon University. He is currently vice chair of the department of physician assistant studies at Wake Forest University School of Medicine. He joined the Wake Forest faculty in 2007 after coordinating the PA program at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, N.Y. Mark is a licensed and certified PA with a master's of health science from Lock Haven University and a doctorate of health science from Nova Southeastern University.

**Robbie Weaver** (biology) is a teacher at Sugar Valley Rural Charter School in Loganton, Pa., where he is coach of the wrestling program he helped start three years ago.

## 1996

*Angela (Dakshaw) Sweeney*  
(610) 705-3530

**Larry Allison Jr.** (economics) was recently named to Pennsylvania Business Central's Foremost Under Forty list for the second consecutive year. Executive secretary of Allison Crane and Rigging, he is also a member of the Lycoming College Board of Trustees.

**Joseph Zetts** (accounting) has been named assistant loan review manager for the Fulton Financial Corporation in Sunbury, Pa.



*Bernadette (Ulrich) Boerckel '99*

### **Boerckel records album**

Bernadette (Ulrich) Boerckel '99 (English literature) has come a long way from her first major performance as Miss Hannigan in a third-grade production of "Annie."

Now the director of curriculum and instruction for the Warrior Run School District in Turbotville, Pa., the soprano recently recorded an album with The Paragon Ragtime Orchestra titled "Midnight Frolic: the Broadway Theatre Music of Louis A. Hirsch." She is also a regular performer at Lycoming and in the Williamsport area.

Boerckel has recorded two other albums with the orchestra – "From Barrelhouse to Broadway: The Musical Odyssey of Joe Jordan" (2006) and "You're a Grand Old Rag: The Music of George M. Cohan" (2008) – available from Amazon, iTunes and New World Records.

"I feel so blessed to have had these amazing experiences with such a fine, world-class orchestra," she says.

## Sixth annual Black History Month Dinner



Dr. Walter Dunston '57 with Chekondi Croulet '13 (left) and Chandra Besong '12

Nearly 70 alumni, campus and community members attended Lycoming's 6th Annual Black History Month Dinner on Feb. 5. Dr. Walter Dunston '57 served as guest speaker and shared stories about his family's long and proud tradition of becoming dentists and his own 30-plus years in the field.

Many of Dunston's remarks were directed toward the students in attendance. He told them that in order to be successful in life, they must take risks. He added that success would come with using common sense and having will-power and self-control.

"Thank God for something every day," Dunston told the students. "Learn to focus on what you are doing. Follow your dreams, no matter how long they take. It's not the journey, but the destination."



Representing the men's basketball team at the dinner were (from left): Kevin Funston (assistant coach) and freshmen Joe Corry, Kevin Anthony, Allen Kuiper and Tyrone McFadden.



First-year students Dwayne Hallager, Amber Nore and Todd Hartsock

## 1997

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## 1998

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## 1999

Heather Myers  
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**Veronica (Buttari) Wierzbowski**  
(biology) recently earned national certification in counseling. The former biology teacher is in her fourth year of counseling at New Hope-Solebury High School in New Hope, Pa.

## 2000

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**Dr. Darrin Mangiacarne** (biology) has been certified by the American Board of Addiction Medicine and is working as the addictionologist at Pine Grove Women's Center in Hattiesburg, Miss.

## 2001

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Sharon Rogers  
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## 2003

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**Tom Coale** (political science) was featured on the cover of the Maryland Lawyer section of the "Daily Record" newspaper. The article was an interview about his new practice area of handling security clearance issues for government contractors' employees. Tom is an associate at Goodell, DeVries, Leech & Dann LLP.

**Mark O'Brien** (astronomy) is a research assistant professor in the department of mathematics, statistics and computer science at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He earned a Ph.D. from Tufts University in 2008.

## 2004

Christine (Colella) Zubris  
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## 2005

Kristen Dart  
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**The Rev. Cynthia Betz-Bogoly** (communication-electronic media, religion) is the campus chaplain for Bloomfield (N.J.) College. She is also pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Philipsburg, where she resides with her husband, Russell, and daughter, Natalie.

**Kristen Dart** (history, Spanish) is the head women's basketball coach at Albany (N.Y.) College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. During her inaugural season in 2009-10, she led the Panthers to the Hudson Valley Women's Athletic Conference championship game and was named conference Coach of the Year. She also serves as the lacrosse and field hockey coach for Saratoga High School, where she is a substitute teacher.

## 2006

*Michele (Connors) Witkowski*  
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or

*Jamie (Hershey) Arnold*  
*herjami@hotmail.com*

**Sgt. David McElwee** (history) was accepted to Wesley Theological Seminary, where he will pursue a master's in divinity. He is finishing his second deployment to Iraq with the Division Special Troops Battalion, 4th Infantry Division.

**Jessica (Urick) Oberlin** (English literature) earned a master's degree in library science with school media certification from Clarion University in August 2010. She is employed as a high school librarian at Warrior Run School District in Turbotville, Pa. She and her husband, **Heath '06**, reside in Lewisburg.

**Nicole Patterson** (archaeology, history) is a cataloger and artifact technician for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Art and Artifact Cataloging Project. She is responsible for cataloging roughly 13,000 of the museum's artifacts and works closely with the museum staff to ensure proper preservation of the artifacts during the cataloging process.



*Jackie (Gauer) Dorn '06 and Jackie (Rubin) Brindle '07 completed the Philadelphia Marathon on Nov. 21, 2010. Nancy Villante '06 and Sandra Kirk '07 were also at the event, completing the half marathon. All four ran cross country while at Lycoming. From left: Dorn, Villante, Kirk and Brindle*

### Bumgardner opens fitness business

Todd Bumgardner '08 (psychology) found his passion for helping people reach their goals when he began working as a strength and conditioning coach while at Lycoming.

Now, Bumgardner and business partner Christopher Merritt are turning their passion into a growing company. Beyond Strength Performance offers personal training programs, corporate wellness, and strength and conditioning consulting at Maximum Fitness in Seneca Falls, N.Y., and online at [www.beyondstrength-performance.com](http://www.beyondstrength-performance.com).

While at Lycoming, Bumgardner helped to prepare the women's lacrosse team for their 2008 conference championship. Since then, he has worked with a variety of clients ranging from NFL football players to septuagenarians. He uses his own experience as a former football player to help give his clients practical knowledge about fitness and becoming stronger.

Though a new business, Beyond Strength Performance is already receiving positive feedback. Its web site features testimonials from various clients, including St. Louis Rams linebacker Josh Hull, who comments, "I have known Todd since high school. He was and still is a goal-oriented person with an immense amount of determination and will to succeed. He combined these traits with his expertise in the field of strength and conditioning and personal training to develop one of the best workout programs that I have ever been involved with."

Bumgardner lives in the Finger Lakes region of New York and is enrolled in the clinical nutrition graduate program at New York Chiropractic College.



*Todd Bumgardner '08*

## 2007

Laura (Holdredge) Layao  
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**Amy Fiedler** (art) is the owner/president of the T-shirt line Wicky Boo ([www.winkyboo.com](http://www.winkyboo.com)), launched in August 2010. She previously worked in New York City, as a fashion stylist for celebrity photo shoots.

**Stephanie (Bomgardner) Shatto** (corporate communication) is the marketing coordinator for Susquehanna Valley Harley-Davidson in Harrisburg, Pa. She previously was a media placement analyst at MANSI Media.

## 2008

Amil Guzman  
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**Tony Mackin** (history) earned a master's in secondary education from Marymount University (Va.) in May 2010. In August, he was appointed as an assistant men's lacrosse coach at the Virginia Military Institute alongside head coach Brian Anken, the former head coach at Lycoming.

**Lisa Steuer** (creative writing) has been named editor of *The Village Beacon Record*, a weekly newspaper based in Setauket, N.Y. She previously served as a reporter for the *Times Beacon Record*.

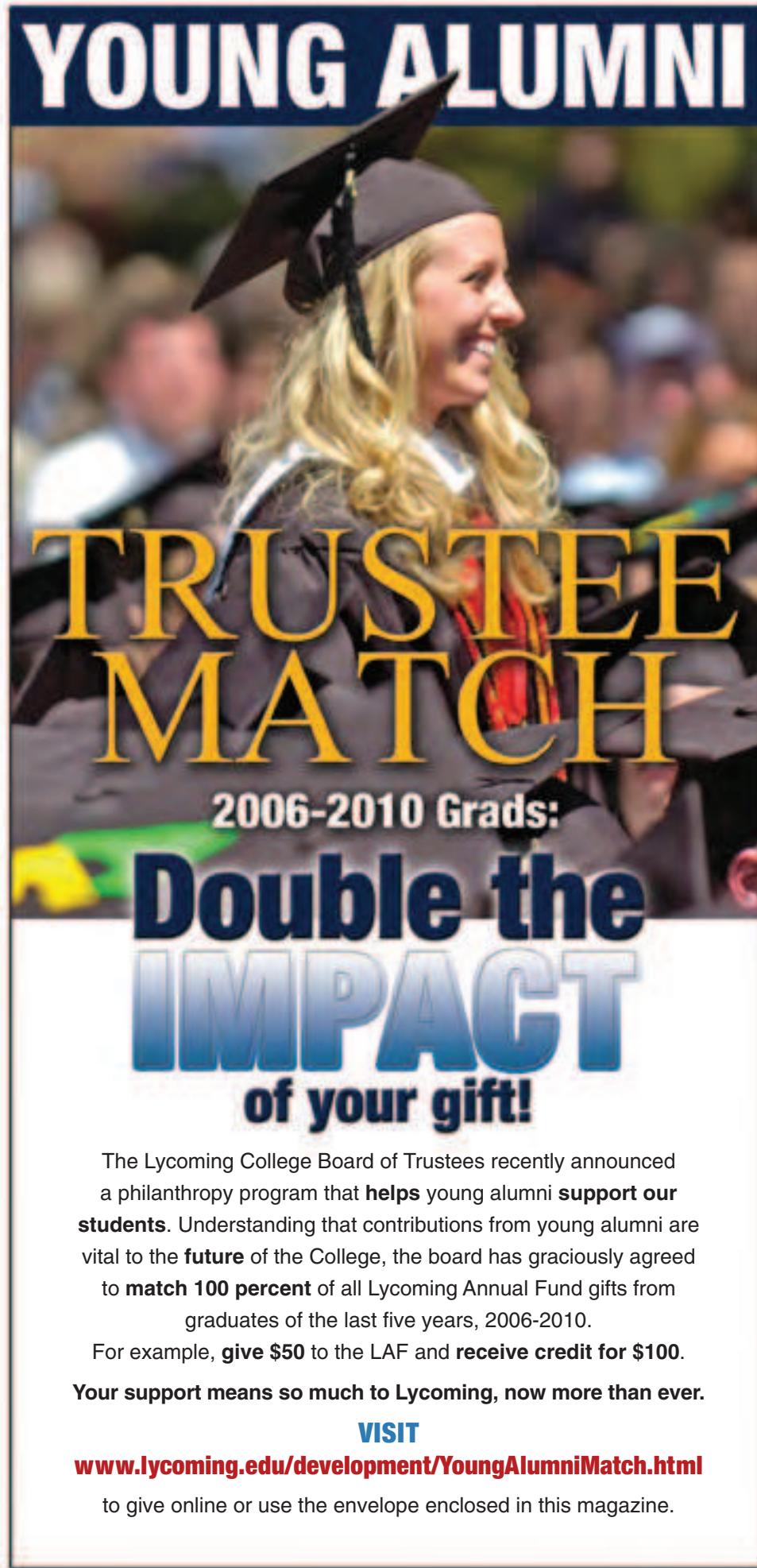
## 2009

Ashley Wislock  
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**Elizabeth Savastana** (archaeology) has been accepted into the master's degree program in museum studies at the University of Leicester, United Kingdom.

## 2010

**Holly Andrews** (political science) completed boot camp training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. She is in Marine combat training at Camp Geiger, N.C., after which she will begin additional training in meteorology and oceanography at Kessler Air Force Base, Miss.



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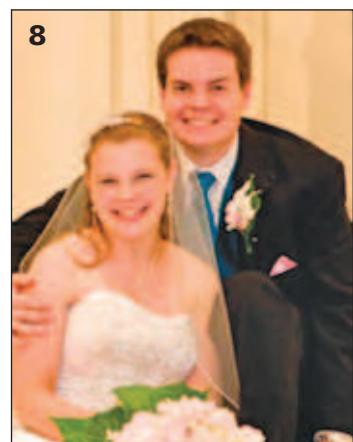
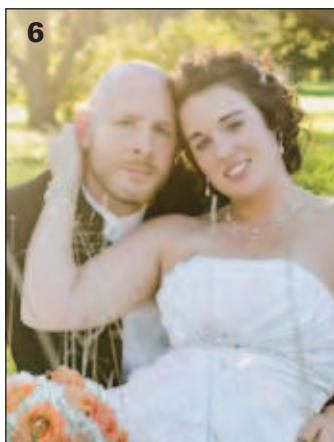
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- 1 John Robert Hadley '67**, and Dian Lady Lyn Asombrado, Oct. 12, 2010.
- 2 Ashley (Buck) '00** and Jeffrey Krause, Sept. 24, 2010, at St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church in South Williamsport, Pa.
- 3 Emily (DiMarco) '04** and Colin Murray. July 3, 2010, at St. Bridget's Church, East Falls, Pa. A reception followed at Penn Oaks Golf Club in West Chester, Pa.
- 4 Kristina (Kleintop) '05** and **Ryan Wertz '06**, May 16, 2009, at Whispering Pines in Carlisle, Pa.
- 5 Gabrielle (Slanina) '06** and **Brian Gallagher '06**, Sept. 25, 2010, in Upstate New York.
- 6 Stephanie (Bomgardner) '07** and Zachary Shatto, Oct. 16, 2010, in an outside ceremony at the Colonial Golf & Tennis Club in Harrisburg, Pa.
- 7 Sarah (Reich) '07** and **Stephen C. Parente '98**, July 24, 2010, in Wilkes Barre, Pa.
- 8 Arielle (Blanton) '08** and **Barry Schaub '08**, June 26, 2010, in St. Joseph Cathedral in Buffalo, N.Y. They reside in Grand Island, N.Y.



**Kerri (Bloom) '92** and **John Frick '92**, a son, Jameson Edward, Nov. 21, 2010. He joins brothers, Avery, 8, and Christian, 6, and sister, Brielle, 2.

**1 Jennifer (Schmidt) '95** and Andrew Koehl, a daughter, Heidi Sue, Jan. 20, 2010. Godparents are Stephanie (Smith) '95 and Erick Fortin '94.

Charina and **James Lumley '97**, a son, Thomas Christian, Nov. 30, 2010.



**2 Patience and Christopher Wiggins '97**, twin sons, Prince Harry and Christopher Chambliss, Feb. 28, 2011. They join sister, Piper.



**3 Jessica (Faust) '99** and Jeffrey Ladd, a son, Jameson Michael, Oct. 26, 2010.



**4 Katie (Wuestner) '00** and **Greg Bell '99**, a daughter, Annie Elizabeth, Aug. 7, 2010.

**5 Annelise (de Richmond) '02**, and **Stephen Simchak '99**, a daughter, Josephine (Josie) Elizabeth, Nov. 12, 2010.

**6 Cynthia (Betz) '05** and Russell Bogoly Jr., a daughter, Natalie Hannah, Nov. 20, 2009.

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**1938** • **Frederick F. Jennings**, of Union Springs, N.Y., May 28, 2009.

**1939** • **Max W. Nicholas**, of Hughesville, Pa., Jan. 21, 2011.

**1940** • **Elizabeth (Tepel) Chrisman**, of Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 21, 2010.

**Lola Rae (Spangle) Meals**, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., Jan. 28, 2011.

**1942** • **Donald E. Fisher Jr.**, of Houston, Tex., Dec. 24, 2010.

**1946** • **Raymond J. Frith**, of Springfield, Va., Jan. 13, 2011.

**1947** • **Margie (Shafer) Hartman**, of Webster, N.Y., Nov. 26, 2010.

**1948** • **Donitza (Cico) Smith**, of Troy, Mich., Oct. 14, 2010.

**1949** • **Dr. Kenneth R. Callenberger**, of Milton, Pa., Oct. 29, 2010.

**1950** • **Charles J. Kocian**, of Washington, D.C., Nov. 19, 2010.

**1953** • **Louis A. Cupiccia**, of Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 15, 2010.

**Joseph P. Gaus**, of Palm Coast, Fla., Jan. 11, 2011.

**Rev. Dr. Edward L. Younken**, of Edison, N.J., Oct. 25, 2010.

**1955** • **Glenn T. Allison**, of Albuquerque, N. Mex., Nov. 22, 2010.

**1956** • **John C. Harman III**, of Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 8, 2010.

**Vance M. Miller**, of Williamsport, Pa., Oct. 12, 2010.

**Rev. W. Jackson Otto**, of Cornwall, Pa., Feb. 17, 2011.

**1957** • **Charles F. Bischoff**, of Mobile, Ala., July 4, 2009.

**1958** • **John Ernst**, of New Britain, Pa., March 20, 2011. He served on the

College's board of trustees and was a past president of the Alumni Association Executive Board. Among survivors are daughter, **Pamela '80** and son, **John II '85**.

**1959** • **Ann E. (Merritt) Corson**, of Muncy, Pa., Nov. 11, 2010. Among survivors is husband, **Lt. Co. William E. Corson '59**.

**Donna L. (Stebner) Spiegel**, of Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 15, 2010.

**Matley J. Swales**, of State College, Pa., Dec. 16, 2010.

**Donald J. Warrington**, of Darby, Pa., Feb. 10, 2011.

**1960** • **Robert L. Long**, of Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 2, 2010.

**1961** • **Barbara D. (Knerr) Artley**, of Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 11, 2010.

**Rev. Leon A. McCleary**, of York, Pa., Jan. 26, 2011.

**1964** • **Michael N. Burr**, of Clearwater, Fla., Jan. 27, 2011.

**1965** • **Susan (Yost) Lowell Butler**, of Alexandria, Va., Dec. 18, 2010.

**Allen J. Dunkelberger**, of Linden, Pa., Jan. 28, 2011.

**1967** • **Delmar R. Johnson**, of Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 13, 2010.

**1968** • **Jane E. (Wellen) Burbank**, of Bloomingdale, Ill., Nov. 18, 2009.

**1969** • **Rev. Ronald R. Mulberger**, of Williamsport, Pa., Jan. 13, 2011.

**1974** • **Mark H. Litzelman**, of Farwell, Tex., Jan. 10, 2011.

**1979** • **Edward J. Jones Jr.**, of Easton, Pa., Jan. 26, 2011. Among survivors is wife, **Colleen (O'Brien) Jones '80**.

**Constance A. (Marker) Sundberg**, of Harleysville, Pa., March 29, 2010.

**1980** • **Susan L. (Madden) Issler**, of Sparta, N.J., June 6, 2010.

**1981** • **Rev. Mark D. Woodring**, of Middletown, Pa., Oct. 29, 2010. Among survivors is wife, **Cathryn (Parr) Woodring '82**.

**1987** • **Linda J. (deKraff) Seip**, of Stroudsburg, Pa., Jan. 25, 2011.

## FRIENDS

**Mamie Sweeting Diggs**, of Williamsport, Pa., Feb. 10, 2011. She received an honorary degree from Lycoming in 2004.

**Rev. Dr. Eduardo Guerra**, of Williamsport, Pa., March 15, 2011. He served as a professor of religion at Lycoming from 1960-99 and was instrumental in the development of the College's archaeology program and major. He also sponsored the "Eduardo Guerra Prize in Biblical Languages," having taught Biblical Greek and Hebrew at the College for many years.

**John J. Maness**, of Linden, Pa., Jan. 24, 2011. He served for 20 years as a security officer at Lycoming.

**Zee Layne Merkel**, of Jersey Shore, Pa., Jan. 4, 2011. She worked as the College's switchboard operator from 1998-2004 and is the mother of Lori Amrom, administrative assistant in the residential life office.

**Dr. Harry N. Peeler**, of Rohnert Park, Calif., Jan. 25, 2011. He received an honorary degree from Lycoming in 1963.

**Dr. William A. Schreyer**, of Princeton, N.J., Jan. 22, 2011. He received an honorary degree from Lycoming in 1981.

**Wallace F. Stettler**, trustee emeritus, Dallas, Pa., Oct. 21, 2010.

**Rev. Dr. Donald H. Treese**, of Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 21, 2011. He received an honorary degree from Lycoming in 1983.

## DR. CHARLES GETCHELL

*Former professor  
Dr. Charles Getchell*

# A LASTING LEGACY

**D**r. Charles Getchell, attracted to Lycoming College because it “fostered a love of learning through experience, intuition and analysis,” joined the College’s faculty in 1967 while earning his Ph.D. at Harvard.

Raised on a farm in northeast Massachusetts, he attributes his own love of learning to his humble beginnings and a grandmother who, in addition to raising Getchell, was a firm believer in the value of education.

“I was able to teach math in a way that encouraged discovery and intuitive thought, not just rote memorization of rules,” said Getchell, who taught at Lycoming until 1988 and served as department chair. And Getchell left a lasting impression on the College. He was founding president of Phi Kappa Phi, helped design the student computer center and worked with art students to create a geodesic dome in the Academic Center.

In later years, he became fascinated with computer science and operations research and created a sorting algorithm. This work led him to the corporate world and optimizing algorithms for what is now the Nielsen Company, helping clients worldwide understand what consumers watch and buy.

Getchell has eight children, including David '85, Michael '86 and Christine '91, 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. In addition to gardening and cooking, he still plays the organ at weddings, funerals and other “gigs” and passes his payments onto Lycoming.

To honor the College’s role in his life, Getchell has established several gift annuities. They fund the Joan C. and Charles L. Getchell Endowed Scholarship for deserving students who perform extensive community service, preferably in health care. His late wife, Joan, dedicated her life to the field.

“I receive income for life and tax benefits, while leaving a legacy for Lycoming and the students who will benefit from my support,” he says.

Getchell says he appreciates the fullness a passion to learn and educate has brought to his life and wants future generations of Lycoming students to enjoy the same.

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*Amber Davis '11, Kelly Arendacs '11, Lusha Xu '11 and Anh Le*